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ALLEGED FOUR-POINT AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND JAPAN IN WASHINGTON TALKS

Negotiations Reported To Have Reached Point Of Actual Rapprochement: Hull Questioned

PERSISTENT REPORTS ALLEGING THAT A UNITED STATES-JAPAN AGREEMENT REGARDING GENERAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE PACIFIC SITUATION WILL SOON BE SIGNED AS A RESULT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS NOW GOING ON IN WASHINGTON WERE NEITHER CONFIRMED NOR DENIED BY MR. CORDELL HULL, SECRETARY OF STATE, AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, STATES A CENTRAL NEWS MESSAGE.

Mr. Hull merely said that there is nothing new or imminent regarding the current discussions and he was apparently eager to dodge questions regarding the Far East.

The NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE reported exclusively that the talks have advanced to a point where the actual conditions for a United States-Japanese rapprochement were discussed and initial basic terms for negotiations were allegedly brought up as follows:

- FIRST, Japan to renounce the link with the Axis and southward expansion;
- SECOND, Japan to refrain from joining the German war against Russia by invading Siberia;
- THIRD, Japan to withdraw from Central China;
- FOURTH, Japan to abandon her foothold in French Indo-China.

In return for these concessions the United States, the paper further reported, indicated her willingness to normalise her trade relations with Japan and unfreeze Japanese credits.

Washington correspondents generally think that the New York Herald-Tribune story is far-fetched but believe that something is going on behind the scenes which will unfold shortly.

While a high official of the State Department flatly denied the report, MR. WILFRED FLEISCHER of the New York Herald-Tribune when questioned by the Central News Washington correspondent, insisted that the story is correct.

Meanwhile, Washington is speculating on the statement which PRINCE KONOYE will make, generally believing that he will announce Japan's "independent" policy.

Roosevelt Summons White House Parley

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (Reuter)—DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT 4 P.M. TODAY.

It is generally taken for granted that the President's speech will be discussed.



The fact that Republicans have been asked to the meeting is interpreted as a sign that Mr. Roosevelt's pronouncements tonight will deal with momentous matters of national policy.

One information said that Mr. Roosevelt wanted advice from his Congressional leaders whether support votes could be mustered to repeal the Neutrality Act. It is thought the Senate should repeal it by two to one vote.

It is reported in Congressional

circles that the President may send to Congress today his second report on Lease-Lend operations and that the White House conference might discuss an additional Lease-Lend appropriation of \$4,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000.

A.R.P. INQUIRY ADMISSION

Bill Passed By Government Without Initiailling By P.W.D. Official

The admission that Government passed a bill for \$3,566.84 paid by Messrs. Kin Lee, building contractors, to one of their sub-contractors on work on A.R.P. tunnels for "drilling, excavating and timbering," without it being initiailled by any P.W.D. official, was made by MR. KWONG WING, head supervisor of KIN LEE, in the course of his evidence before the Commission, appointed to inquire into certain matters in connexion with the AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS DEPARTMENT, at yesterday afternoon's session held in the Puisne Judge's Court.

"BREEZE" IN COMMONS

There was a sharp exchange of words in the House of Commons yesterday, says Reuter, between MR. W. GALLACHER (Communist) and the PRIME MINISTER, Mr. Churchill, when Mr. Gallacher urged that the Government remove anyone who was not one hundred per cent, for co-operation.

Mr. Churchill retorted: "I am not prepared to seek guidance from the honourable gentleman who notoriously had to change his opinions wherever he was ordered by a body outside this country." (Loud cheers).

Mr. Gallacher turned to the Speaker, denying that he had ever taken orders from anyone outside the country, asking for protection and demanding the withdrawal of the Premier's remark.

When the Speaker intervened to call the next question, Mr. Gallacher shouted angrily, "It was a cowardly rotten action by the Prime Minister."

The Speaker called the next question and the matter was dropped.

Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall is the Chairman, and other members of the Commission are Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. S. Hampden-Ross, with Mr. K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson appeared on behalf of Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, and Mr. D. H. Blake represented Messrs. Kin Lee.

When the inquiry resumed in the afternoon, Mr. Kwong Wing was asked by the Chairman:—Have you seen your wife since you left here this morning?—Yes.

Chairman.—Did you speak to her?—No.

Where did you take your lunch?—I had no lunch.

Do you know whether your wife's transportation company owns any lorries?—I do not think so.

Where do they get the lorries?—Hire them.

Do you know how many lorries they hire in one day?—It all depends on how much work there was to be done, sometimes four, sometimes five.

INFORM WIFE

So the position is: you inform your wife how much work there was to be done and she hires the lorries?—I did not inform her, some one in Kin Lee did that.

What was the highest number of lorries she hired in one day?—Ten or 20.

Questioned further on this point, witness said that the num-

VITAL COMMUNICATIONS IN IRAN NOW CONTROLLED BY ALLIES

Rapid Carriage Of Supplies To Russia From Britain And America

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA HAVE OBTAINED CONTROL OF VITAL COMMUNICATIONS IN IRAN, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANT TRANS-IRAN RAILWAY, UNDER THE AGREEMENT WITH IRAN, says a Reuter message.

It is definitely established that the Iran Government has accepted the demand for the surrender to the British and Russians of Germans in Iran for internment.

The control of the Trans-Iran Railway, which runs from BANDARSHAHPUR, at the head of the Persian Gulf, via Teheran, to BANDARSHAH, on the Caspian Sea, will enable the rapid carriage of supplies to Russia from America and Britain.

It is understood that there are at least 1,000 German males in Iran and probably more.

Iran also accepted the demand for the removal of the German, Hungarian and Rumanian legations and the expulsion of Italian, Rumanian and Hungarian nationals.

It is stated in Simla that the Anglo-Russian agreement with Iran maintains the principle that there will be no interference with the internal administration of Iran.

This, it is hoped, will continue normally, but Iran naturally expected to co-operate fully in the facilities granted to the Allies under the terms of the agreement.

British subjects and also the large Indian community in Iran are being exceptionally well treated by the Iranians. Little interest has been displayed in the tribal areas on the North-west frontier of India in the developments in Iran.

The well-known Mullah, Fazul Din, attempted to raise agitation but the ground was cut from under his feet by the speedy Iranian surrender.

A greater part of the German nationals in Iran should be in British or Soviet hands by the end of this week, says Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

Officials of the British and Russian Legations in Teheran are co-operating closely in the matter of cleaning up Germans, Hungarians, Rumanians and other fifth columnists in the country.

ITALIAN INTERESTS

ROME, Sept. 11 (Reuter)—The Japanese Minister is looking after Italian interests in Iran following the closure of the Italian Legation, states a Teheran despatch to the official Italian news agency.

Members of the Italian colony have taken refuge in Japanese legations.

SURPRISE FOR CLODIUS

ANKARA, Sept. 11 (Reuter)—Negotiations which have been going on the past weeks between the Minister of Commerce and Lord Carlisle, of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation, have reached a successful conclusion and a price has been agreed for figs and gultanas.

The agreement comes as an unpleasant surprise to Herr Clodius, German trade chief, who was also anxious to obtain figs and dried fruits.

ber given, 10 or 20, included the lorries hired by Kin Lee.

Chairman:—The Kin Lee also hired lorries for other work in connexion with the tunnels?—Yes.

Then what was the reason for sub-letting to your wife the contract for removing earth and mud when Kin Lee could do it themselves?—Because it is cheaper.

Which is cheaper, to do it direct or to sub-let it?—To sub-let.

Your wife expects to make a profit on the sub-let?—Yes.

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Offensive On Murmansk Is With Intention Of Drawing On Voroshilov's Reserves

Speaking on the Russo-German war in a broadcast from London last night, MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY said that the renewed enemy offensive on the Arctic port of MURMANSK was probably being carried out with the intention of drawing on Marshal Voroshilov's reserves in that area.

With regard to the LENINGRAD, which in danger of being surrounded before very long, Major Murray said that he believed that the Germans were actually still up against the outer ring of the defences in spite of the German High Command's reiteration that the city's capture was close at hand.

There was no doubt that Marshal Timoshenko's counter-attacks were meeting with some success. The ones in the south and south-east, of Smolensk most, certainly had driven the Germans back a considerable distance.

Further south, about half way between Smolensk and Kiev, the counter-attack was on a smaller scale and seemed to have come to an end.

These counter-attacks, after three months of gruelling fighting and retreating, were clear proof that the Russian commanders were still imbued with the spirit of offensive and the morale of the Russian soldiers remained very high.

NAVY'S GREAT WORK

Major Murray continued that the British Navy were doing great work all over the seas and were a great help to the Russians which showed that we were giving aid to our great ally in other ways besides sending war materials.

In spite of the short distance from Italy to North Africa, enemy

convoys had to speed through under cover of darkness and some of the ships did not get through.

Our MIDDLE EAST force was being steadily built up with little or no interruption. Greece, Crete and the other landing grounds in Sicily were getting it hot and strong from our air force with comparatively small losses.

NORTH ITALY RAIDED

North Italy had its heaviest raid we have so far delivered there.

Since Berlin was heavily raided last Sunday, people had been wondering when and if the Germans would stage a reprisal.

The Germans had put out an amazing statement that Britain had been raided for 72 hours, day and night, and that the B.B.C. had to admit heavy damage to railways and shipyards.

"I am in a position to say what the B.B.C. do and do not say and I can assure you that the story about the day and night raids and the admission by the B.B.C. are complete invention," said Major Murray.

Britain Sending Hundreds Of Fighter Planes To Russia

Confirmation that BRITAIN was sending hundreds of fighter aircraft to RUSSIA was given by Mr. Churchill in replying to a question in the House of Commons, says Reuter.

The question related to the remarks recently ascribed to the Minister for Aircraft Production, COLONEL J. T. C. MOORE-BRABAZON, regarding operations between the Russian and German armies.

Mr. Churchill said that the versions which were published of the remarks made at a private gathering in July by Col. Moore-Brabazon bore a construction which represents neither the policy of the Government nor the views of Col. Moore-Brabazon.

"I happen to know his views," proceeded the Prime Minister, "because on the day when Hitler attacked Russia, I told him on the telephone that I was going to talk that night of whole-hearted support for Russia and he expressed enthusiastic assent."

ARDENTLY AT WORK

"He emphasised those sentiments in a public speech at Chertsey on Aug. 9. Moreover, he has been all the time ardently at work, as I know from personal observation, sending hundreds of fighter aircraft to Russia, many of which have already got there."

"Therefore although phrasing of what he said at a private gathering, taken from its context, might well be misconstrued, I am satisfied that he was and is in fullest accord with the policy which His Majesty's Government are earnestly pursuing."

Mr. E. Shinwell (Labour) drew attention to the correspondence which passed between Col. Moore-Brabazon, Sir Ernest Simon and Mr. Blackburn, organiser of the Engineering Union, and suggested that Col. Moore-Brabazon should make a personal statement.

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Summary of the News of the Day

A CENTRAL NEWS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON reveals the alleged terms of the agreement stated to have been reached in the negotiations between the United States and Japan and published exclusively by the New York Herald-Tribune. One of the terms is that Japan is to withdraw from Central China.

THE GERMANS HAVE STARTED A NEW OFFENSIVE on Murmansk, the only Arctic port which the Russians can keep open throughout the winter. Meanwhile Marshal Timoshenko's counter-attacks in the Smolensk area are meeting with success and the Germans are being driven back.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT WITH THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, Britain and Russia have acquired control of vital communications in the country which will enable speedy passage of supplies to Russia from Britain and the United States.

A NEW NATIONAL DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN set up in Japan, according to a report from Tokyo, and will be responsible for the defence of Japan Proper, Korea, Formosa and Saghalien.

JAPANESE MALES, FROM 14 TO 40, AND FEMALES, from 14 to 26, will be liable to national service under a new Imperial Ordinance the draft of which has been approved by the National Mobilisation Committee.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, WHO IS TO BROADCAST to the world at 2 a.m. (G.M.T.) which is 11 a.m. (H.K. summer time) today, yesterday called a conference of Congress leaders at the White House to consider his speech.

METHOD OF THE PAYMENT OF MEN DESCRIBED

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In order to make that profit, your wife's company must charge more than the individual truck owners would charge her? I believe she again sublet the work to the lorry owners.

CHARGES LITTLE HIGHER

Is this not the position the lorry owners charge a certain price for removing the earth and your wife charges a little higher?

Yes. So I am correct in saying that if you had dealt direct with the lorry owners, it would be cheaper? It would have been impossible to get hold of so many individual lorry owners.

But you have hired lorries from other lorry owners? I hired them from the Sam Hing Transportation Co.

What was the charge per load?

\$3.

Has your wife got anything to do with the Sam Hing Transportation Co? I believe not.

Having got the Sam Hing to do other work, why can't you get them to remove the earth?

—They charged more.

What was their charge? 95 cents per cubic yard.

Have you got that in writing? I haven't got it here.

Please produce it tomorrow.

Yes.

Where is Sam Hing? In Kowloon.

Have they got their own trucks?

Yes.

Mr. Kwong, I asked you this morning to let us have a list of the disbursements you made to your wife's company monthly for lorry hire. Have you brought it?

I did not have time to find out how much Kin Lee paid every month as during the adjournment I had to look for the list of disbursements and vouchers.

NO COPY FOR FIRM

Questioned on the list of disbursements and vouchers Kin Lee sent to Government, witness said that the firm did not have a copy. As stated in the morning, went on witness, all they did was to make out a list and hand it, with all vouchers, to the European who called. No copy was made out for the firm, but all transactions were recorded in the books.

Chairman—So everything you supplied to Government is still in the hands of Government? Yes.

And you have a copy?—We have only a record.

Do you send the receipts with the list? No.

Then how is Government to check up on your disbursements?—Every week the vouchers are taken away by Mr. Buchanan. After they have been checked they are returned.

Did you ever had to make out a list of vouchers?—Yes.

In English or in Chinese? English.

And you did not make a copy?—No.

Do you employ a firm of auditors?—No.

Did Mr. Buchanan know that?—No.

THERE TO CHECK

How would Government know whether your accounts were correct?—Everything we bought, Mr. Buchanan would be there to check the goods when they are delivered.

But he could not check your prices?—I have heard that when Mr. Buchanan took away the vouchers, he would check the prices with the dealers.

So Mr. Buchanan would, at great inconvenience to himself, go out and check the prices with the stores?—Not always.

There were some times when he could not check?—I forgot.

This may help you to remember: under Nov. 30, 1940, is the item "for A.R.P. tunnels, Kowloon, labour supplied daily, \$1,884.90." Was Mr. Buchanan there when this amount was paid?—No, but there were four or five persons present.

But were they present when you paid your employees?—Not all, but some.

Name them?—Chan Kung-wai was one.

Who is he?—The accountant of Kin Lee.

And he was there twice a month, the first and fifteenth?—Yes.

PAYING DESCRIBED

Mr. Kwong then went on to describe the method employed when paying the men. A cheque would be issued for the full amount and, after the money had been obtained from the bank, the accountant would pay each man on production of his pay-slip. The accountant, went on witness, keep a record of those absent on pay-day. No wages are paid without

production of the slip and it was, therefore, impossible for the accountant to benefit by a workman's absence.

How many slips have you on pay-day?—A large number.

How many, a thousand? A large number I can't say how many.

And do you seriously say that Government check your vouchers with those slips?—Yes.

We have another item dated Jan. 31, 1941, for supply of daily labour, \$1,814.80? That's paid the same.

Another item supply of daily labour, Chinese New Year bonus, \$927.80? Yes.

There are three signatures on this bill. Whose are they?—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Chang.

Who is Mr. Chang? I don't know.

Is he George Cheng?—No.

Do you know Mr. George Cheng?—Yes.

He is the Government foreman in charge of the tunnels in Kowloon, is he not?—Yes.

Do you know that he has a motorcar?—No.

Find out the next time you see him?—Yes.

WHAT SALARY?

What salary does he receive? I don't know.

Ask him the next time he goes there. You'll be surprised that a man earning his salary could own a car?—Yes.

What does he do? What is his work?—He supervises the work.

And see that it is properly done?—Yes.

He is out on the job the whole time?—Yes.

And Mr. Campbell is not?—No.

Cheng would then report to Mr. Campbell on the work?—Yes.

So Cheng is a very important man to Kin Lee?—Not very.

But it all depends on him to say whether the work is well done or not?—We do not mind that. If it is well done and he says it is not we will challenge him.

You know Ah Tim?—Yes.

He is one of your sub-contractors?—Yes.

There's an item here: \$3,566.84 for drilling, excavating and timbering?—Yes.

Whose signatures are those on the bill? The one in red is mine and the other, Ah Tang.

Who is Ah Tang?—Our map in charge of sub-contractors.

So you, and Ah Tang O.K.'ed the bill?—Yes.

Was it initiated by a Government official?—It should be, but...

NOT INITIALED

I am not asking you what it should be. I am asking you whether it was initialed by anyone in the P.W.D.?—No.

And Government paid the bill?—Yes.

On Jan. 22, 1941, you bought a supply of hardwood sleepers: 280 pieces at \$3.35, purchased from the Tai Lee Timber Co., and you also purchased 80 pieces hardwood crossings at \$5 per piece, \$400?—Yes.

Who initialed the bill?—Mr. Campbell, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Chang.

On Mar. 26, 1941, you bought from K. C. Leong, 10,000 pieces hardwood sleepers for \$52,000 for which you hold the original receipt?—Yes.

On the duplicate receipt, at the back of it, is a note written in pencil, which might have been written yesterday of today, "only 5,000 pieces delivered, \$26,000," and underneath that is, "5,000 pieces delivered to Marsman's." Whose initials is that on the bill?—Mr. Buchanan.

Is Mr. Campbell's signature on the bill?—No.

AUTHORISED VERBALLY

And you said that Mr. Campbell authorised the transaction?—Yes, verbally.

On March 20, Marsman's put down in their books: purchased 5,000 pieces hardwood sleepers from you at \$5.20 each?—Yes.

So in three days, you not only lost the interest on your money but also \$2,800?—I can't help it.

During his evidence in the morning, Mr. Kwong stated that Kin Lee were not allowed to charge Government 10 per cent. on the 5,000 pieces sleepers they sold to Marsman's. Pressed on this point, witness stated that although Marsman's subsequently charged Government 10 per cent. for this lot of sleepers, his firm was, nevertheless, not permitted by Mr. Campbell to charge any commission on this transaction despite the fact that they bought the sleepers for cash and sold them to Marsman's on credit.

Witness went on to say that that was the first time they dealt with

Marsman's insofar as timber was concerned, although Kin Lee had had other dealings with Marsman's.

Do you know the Tai Lee Timber Co.?—Yes.

The head office is given in this bill as Lock Hing Building, first floor, telephone No. 21198?—Yes.

BOUGHT HARDWOOD

You purchased \$1,338 worth of hardwood from them?—Yes.

Do you know Pang, Chick and Kam, civil engineering contractors?—No.

But you have here a bill from them for \$3,434, dated Dec. 17, 1940, which you have paid?—I don't remember.

Pressed further, witness said he did not know whether it was the same company as Tai Lee Timber Co. In reply to another question, Mr. Kwong said that he did not know whether the cheque for \$3,434 was made out in the name of Tai Lee Timber Co. or to Pang, Chick and Kam.

Chairman.—On Dec. 17, 1940, Pang, Chick and Kam were, according to their bill-head, civil engineering contractors?—Perhaps they were.

Their head office address was given as Wing On Bank Building, third floor, telephone No. 21199?—Yes.

And on the letter-head, the Wing On Bank Building address was crossed out and, chopped with a rubber stamp, was the address of Lock Hing Building, first floor?—Yes.

And the telephone number was the same as Tai Lee Timber Co.?—Yes.

KNOW NOTHING

Have you any comments to make?—I know nothing about these firms.

Well, I will tell you something. At that time, all sleepers in the Colony belonged to the Chinese Government and were available to both Marsman's and Kin Lee at \$2 each.—Yes.

Marsman's warned Mr. Pearce and Mr. Campbell that the price would go up.—Yes.

Was the warning passed on to you?—No.

The warning was ignored, and there was, for a long time, no purchase of timber.—Yes.

Then Mr. K. C. Leong bought up the sleepers and approached the various timber merchants about their stocks.—Yes.

And that was how Pang, Chick and Kam and Tai Lee, among others, started business as timber merchants.—Yes.

The A.R.P. and P.W.D. were then offered sleepers at a considerably enhanced price.—Yes.

Have you any comments to make?—No. I was only acting under the instructions of Mr. Campbell.

NEW JACK HAMMERS

Witness was then asked whether he did not tell Mr. Bishop, before the contract was given to Kin Lee, that they had all the machinery necessary for the tunnelling work.

On his replying in the affirmative, he was asked the reason for the firm purchasing two new jack hammers for \$75, to which Mr. Kwong replied that it was due to the expansion of the work.

Chairman.—So you were in the same position as Marsman's: Government supplied you with all the machinery and materials and paid all wages in connexion with the work plus 10 per cent.?—That was in the contract.

The Chairman then referred back to the purchase of extra machinery, and took as a hypothetical case a man going to a shipbuilders and offering to supply all the materials and machinery necessary for building a ship, plus wages and ten per cent. Did witness, asked the Chairman, expect the shipbuilders to ask the man to build a dock for them as well?

Witness replied: "I was heard to be, 'If they so desire.'"

Witness was then questioned respecting Kin Lee's dealing with Marsman's and was asked to obtain full particulars of such dealings by 10.30 a.m. today when the Commission will hold its eighth day's session.

CONTRACTORS GIVE EVIDENCE

KIN LEE & CO.

Mr. Wan Hin, managing-partner of Kin Lee and Co., said that, besides himself, his firm had two partners, Tam Yu-por, living in Ship Street, and Kwong Nai-king, residing in Hennessy Road.

The Chairman: I understand you are at present doing tunnelling

work for the A.R.P. Department in Kowloon?

Witness, Yes.

Will you tell us shortly how you came to get that contract?—At the very beginning, Mr. Bishop of the P.W.D. had a chat with a feld of mine, Kwong Wing, inquiring whether or not we had machinery for opening tunnels. That was in September, 1940.

Did your feld tell you anything about this conversation?—He did and asked me if we had the machinery.

I told him we had, and later we were asked by Mr. Bishop to submit an estimate, which we did. We were then asked to make a trial for 200 feet of tunnel.

Let's hear something more about this estimate. What was it?—Witness produced a copy of the estimate.

The Chairman read out the document which stated: "In accordance with your request (Mr. Bishop's) we beg to submit the following prices for tunnelling 8 x 7 1/2 feet arch shape either in Hongkong or Kowloon."

The Chairman (to witness): Did Mr. Bishop ask you to submit an estimate for the Hongkong side too?—No.

Then why did you mention Hongkong?—Because at first I didn't know whether we were to make tunnels on both or one side only.

What did Mr. Bishop say when he approached you?—He didn't speak to me. He spoke to my feld.

But your feld told you what was said, didn't he?—He did but I can't remember very clearly now.

Can you remember whether your feld told you that Mr. Bishop had asked for an estimate for the Hongkong side?—I don't think he told me that.

From your letter, the position is this: You were prepared to make tunnels on the Hongkong side according to the prices you quoted. Is that right?—Yes, certainly.

Had your workmen any previous experience in making tunnels?—Yes, in the interior of China where they had made tunnels for railways.

But not tunnels for A.R.P.?—No.

QUOTATIONS

According to your estimate you say you were prepared to excavate rock from 0 to 50 feet deep, from work face per cubic yard. What does that mean?—That quotation was for excavations of rock for an area from the entrance of the tunnel 50 feet in length only and after that the price would be higher.

Your price is to make a tunnel 50 feet in length at \$25 per cubic yard in rock and \$5 per cubic yard in soft?—Correct.

And for the timbering of the tunnel you quoted \$10 per cubic yard?—Yes.

And then you went on with a sliding scale upwards, 50-100 feet, 100-150, 150-200, 200-250, 250-300 at varying prices which rise slightly according to the length of the tunnel?—Yes.

Your maximum quotation was \$50 per cubic yard for a tunnel 300 feet long?—Yes.

That was in rock and in soft ground the quotation was \$10?—Yes.

And for the close timbering of that tunnel you charged \$50 per cubic yard?—Yes.

You also confirmed that all these prices would cover the supply of all implements and labour for day and night divided into three shifts of eight hours each.—Yes.

In the alternative you said that you would be prepared to hire your implements to Government?—Yes.

And you gave them a list of the implements and the amount you would charge per month?—Yes.

That is on the assumption that Government would do the work itself and you hire the instruments?—Yes, sir, I was prepared to do that.

What was the next thing that happened when you sent in the estimate?—That estimate was not adopted.

What happened?—About a month or two after submission of that estimate I was requested to submit another estimate.

Who were you requested by?—Mr. Bishop.

Have you got the further estimate there?—The second estimate was about workmen.

At this stage, Mr. Black suggested that all correspondence relative to the estimate be produced, which was adopted.

The Chairman: Apparently on Sept. 18, seven days after you sent in this estimate, you got a letter from Mr. Bishop in which he confirmed the prices for tunnelling work contained in your letter of the 15th?—Yes.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

And he says he has been authorised to instruct this firm to

proceed with the work as soon as possible up to a footage of about 200 feet?—Correct.

He tells you that the site of the tunnel mentioned will be pointed out on the ground by Mr. Campbell?—Correct.

And you were instructed to submit to Mr. Bishop at the office the cost sheets so that the cost of the work may be worked out on the basis for further extension of the scheme?—Yes.

Now, the next letter is one dated Nov. 13 from Kin Lee and Company to Mr. Bishop?—Yes, Sir.

In this letter you informed Mr. Bishop, as follows: "With reference to our Mr. Kwong Wing's recent conversation with your goodness on the above subject, namely, A.R.P. tunnels in Kowloon we confirm the arrangements made whereby we agree to carry out any work in connexion therewith, at the rate of 10 per cent. over and above actual cost of materials, and labour, all piece work, tenders of cost and materials to be approved by your engineer, Mr. Campbell, before carried out. We will, of course, endeavour to keep the cost down to the best of our ability."

The Chairman further read out from the letter certain wages to be paid to foremen, storemen, draughtsmen, and the hire to Government of equipment and machinery, which were confirmed by witness.

TERMS ACCEPTED

The Chairman: In reply to that letter you got one dated the same day from Mr. Bishop?—Yes, Sir.

The letter was read out, as follows: "I have to acknowledge your letter of Nov. 13 and I agree to the terms stated therein."

The Chairman: We have this position. Originally you tendered for this work on a definite basis, so much per cubic yard, they to supply all materials and pay all labour?—Yes, Sir.

And you did 200 feet on that basis?—Yes, when we were told to carry on and start with the work, the price was not then fixed.

But an estimate had been made?—We were not paid according to that estimate.

Why not?—Eventually we reached an agreement that we were to be paid 10 per cent. on top of the cost of the work.

Did Mr. Bishop confirm those prices mentioned in the letter of Sept. 18 and tell you to get on with the job?—Yes. I received a reply telling me to start building a tunnel 200 feet long at those prices.

Did you do the job?—We started work.

Then what happened?—We carried on.

At those prices?—No, Sir.

At what prices did you carry on then?—We were paid according to expenditure on labour, materials, etc.

Plus 10 per cent.?—Yes.

In spite of the estimates submitted and confirmed you, therefore, were building the tunnel at cost plus 10 per cent. and not on the basis of the prices submitted?—That is so.

Now can you tell us if you received anything in writing from the Public Works Department varying the terms of the contract?—No, we didn't.

Can you tell us then how these terms came to be varied? I don't know, because everything was done through my colleague, Mr. Kwong Wing.

RESULT OF CONVERSATION

Can you tell us then that it was as a result of a conversation between Mr. Bishop and Mr. Kwong Wing that the terms were suddenly varied?—Yes.

And that was round about Nov. 13?—Correct.

Up to now, how many of the tunnels have been completed?—About 13,000 feet of them.

How many actual tunnels does that represent?—I don't know how many.

How many sites are you working on?—I don't know how many. To all you honestly, I know little about these tunnels. I am a little too old to supervise the work myself.

Mr. Kwong Wing knows everything about the tunnels.

Have you visited the tunnels?—I have paid about three visits to them altogether.

Then it is Mr. Kwong Wing who visits the tunnels?—Yes, he has visited many tunnels.

NEXT WITNESS

The next witness called was Kwong Wing, head supervisor on the tunnelling work being done by the Kin Lee Company.

The Chairman: What are you in the Company?—I am head supervisor.



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The Townmoor Handicap over seven furlongs included many Cambridgeshire candidates but the winner, Miss Dorothy Page's Annadin, has not entered the Cambridgeshire.

Cambridgeshire candidates were second and third, namely Mr. Garner's Aprieson, which was a joint favourite at 4/1, and Mr. Hetherington's Lion Tamer, at 100/8.

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Although Bellingham Open Air Baths are to be opened soon by Lewisham Council there is to be no filtration and no heating because of labour shortage. "But there will be plenty of clean water," said Alderman Rennie.

COMING EVENTS

SEPT
12—Tides:—High 1.22 a.m. & 2.22 p.m.; Low 8.27 a.m. and 7.35 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.09 a.m.; Sunset: 7.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's War-time Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.
H.K.E.C. Presentation to Mr. J. G. McKenna, Ming Yuen, 7.45 p.m.
Checco Club Darts and Table Tennis.

Ladies' Working Party, (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
H.K. Hockey Umpires' Assn. Annual Meeting, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 5.30 p.m.

13—Tides:—High 1.56 a.m. and 3.49 p.m.; Low 9.38 a.m. and 7.55 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.09 a.m.; Sunset: 7.21 p.m.
K.C.C. Band Concert and Dance Co's Path.

Street Sale of Flowers.
Extraordinary General Meeting of C.R.C., Causeway Bay, 1.30 p.m.

14—Tides:—High 2.39 a.m. and 6.29 p.m.; Low 11.09 a.m. and 6.42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.10 a.m.; Sunset: 7.28 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, West Lounge, 9 p.m.

15—Tides:—High 3.41 a.m.; Low 12.27 a.m.
Sunrise: 7.10 a.m.; Sunset: 7.27 p.m.
Employment Arbitration Tribunal Siting, Urban Council Chamber.

16—Tides:—High 4.58 a.m. and 9.17 p.m.; Low 1.22 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.10 a.m.; Sunset: 7.26 p.m.
St. Andrew's Discussion Group.
H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.

17—Tides:—High 6.15 a.m. and 9.49 p.m.; Low 2.04 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.11 a.m.; Sunset: 7.25 p.m.

18—Tides:—High 7.18 a.m. and 9.14 p.m.; Low 1.18 a.m. and 2.44 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.11 a.m.; Sunset: 7.24 p.m.
Entries Close for 7th Extra Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, noon.
Royal Artillery, Stanley Dance.

Y's Men's Club Tiffin, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.
Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

19—Tides:—High 8.17 a.m. and 9.35 p.m.; Low 2.11 a.m. and 3.20 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.11 a.m.; Sunset: 7.24 p.m.
Claims against Estate of late Mr. T. Petric due.

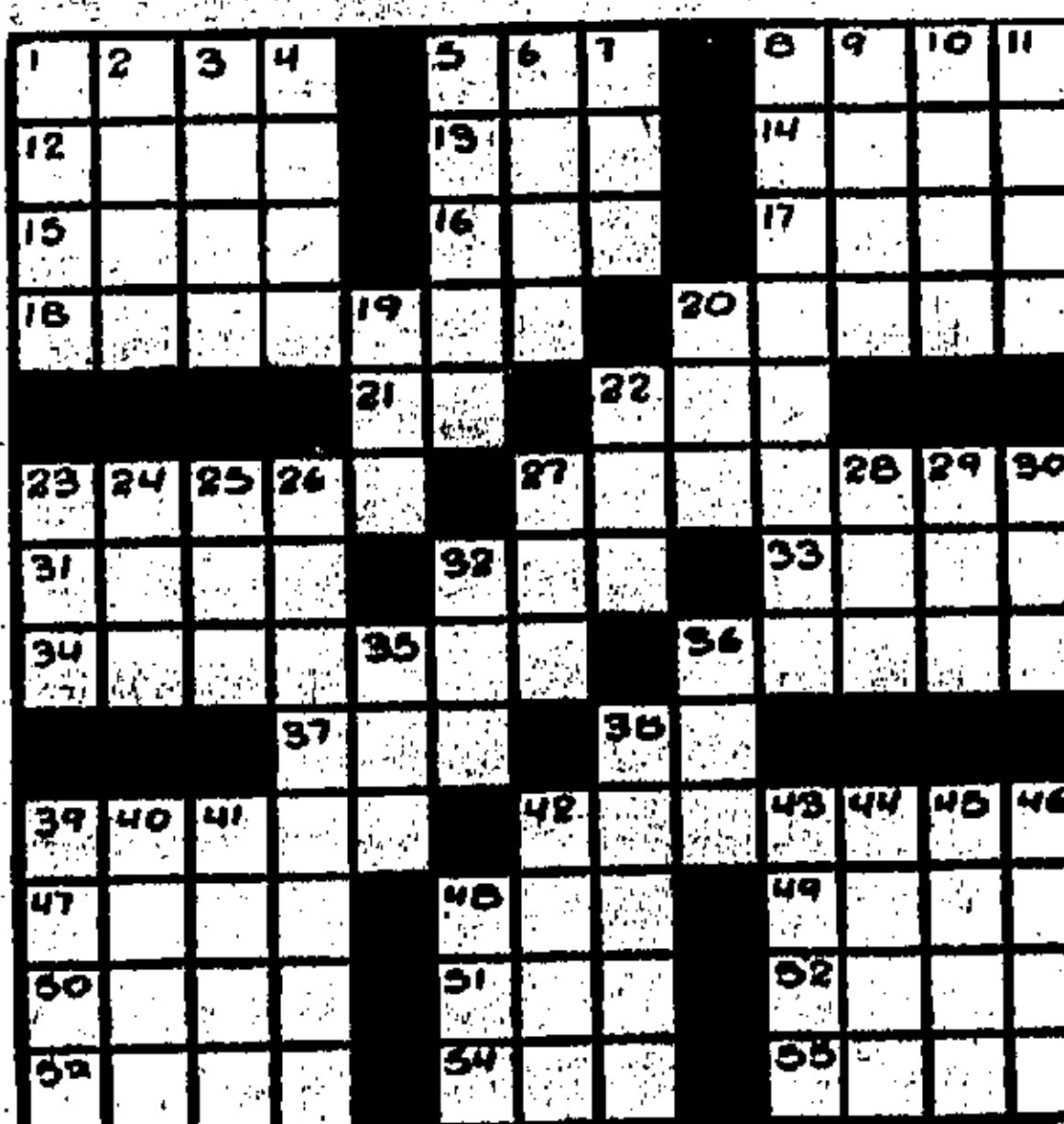
CHUNGKING TO BROADCAST NEWS IN BURMESE

CHUNGKING Sept. 11 (Central)—Coincident with the presentation of a set of gramophone records of classic and modern Burmese music to the Central Broadcasting Station through the Chinese Goodwill Mission to Burma, Chungking will have for the first time a Burmese news announcer in the person of Mr. U. Ba Gale. Graduate of Rangoon University, Mr. Gale arrived here on Monday evening by plane in the company of Mr. Khoo Ee-kwet, leader of the Chinese community in Rangoon.

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Fox-Trot — I Got Rhythm (Ger-shwin)—The Ballyhoogans. I Have Eyes (From film "Paris Moonlight"). Grandina Said (Magidson). "Hutch" and His Charm Music. Fox-Trot — Whispering (Schonberger). Nobody's Sweetheart—The Ballyhoogans. Thanks For Everything (From film "Thanks for Everything"). Hurry Home (Meyer and Others)—"Hutch" and His Charm Music. Quick-Steps—Choo-Choo: China Boy—The Ballyhoogans.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 New Variety.

Vocal — Where Was I? (Hartling-Dublin). To-night (Dominguez, Cugat, Heagney). Tony Martin with Orch. Orchestral—Clavelitos (Valverde); La Violeta (Padilla)—Harry Horlick & His Orchestra. Vocal—Room Five—Hundred-and-Four (From "Hubert Foolies"). No. No. Nanette. Medley. Intro: No. No. Nanette; I Want to Be Happy; Tea For Two—Binnie Hale w. Orch. Orchestral—Nena-Taneo (Per-ranzano). Lagarteranas — Spanish Dance (Guerrero)—Harry Horlick & His Orchestra. Vocal Duet — Down Every Street (Mills Nicholls)—Flanagan and Allen with Orch.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet and Benno Moisevitich (Piano).

Valse Bluetie—Air De Ballet (Dri-gou); Narcissus (Nevin)—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. Improvisation In A Flat (Chopin); Flirtations In A Chinese Garden, Rush Hour In Hongkong (Chasins)—Benno Moisevitich (Piano Solo). Operatic (Famous Operatic Melodies—arr. Squire)—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. Jeux D'Eau (Ravel)—Benno Moisevitich (Piano Solo).

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 The Boston Symphony Orchestra and Lawrence Tibbett.

Elegie, Op. 24 (Faure)—Serge Koussevitzky and The Boston Symphony Orchestra. Even Bravest Heart (From "Faust"). Act 2—Gounod—Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) w. Orch. "Rose-munde"—Ballet Music No. 2, Op. 26 (Schubert)—Serge Koussevitzky and The Boston Symphony Orchestra. Song Of The Flea (Goethe—Mous-sorgsky); Pilgrim's Song Op. 47, No.

5 (Tolstol-Tchikowsky)—Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) w. Orch. Minuet Of The Will O' The Wisp. Hungarian March (Both from "Damnation of Faust"—Berlioz)—Serge Koussevitzky and The Boston Symphony Orch. None But The Lonely Heart, Op. 6 No. 6 (Tchikowsky)—Lawrence Tibbett with Orchestra. Larchetto (From Concerto Grosso No. 12 in B Minor (H. Moll)—(Handel)—Serge Koussevitzky and The Boston Symphony Orchestra.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

2.25 London Relay—Listening Post. Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Charlie Kunz (Piano) and Frances Day (Vocal).

Kunz Revivals, No. 24—Intro: Rose Marie; Indian Love Call; The Girl Friend; Tea For Two; Why Do I Love You? I Want To Be Happy—Charlie Kunz with Rhythm accomp. Midnight and Music (From film "Who's Your Lady Friend"); Because You Are You (Sonin and Taylor)—Frances Day w. Orchestra. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley, No. D 44—Intro: Only Forever; And So Do I; The Swiss Belongers; You're Breaking My Heart All Over Again; We Three; Oh, Buddy, I'm In Love — Charlie Kunz with Rhythm accomp. Me And My Dog (From film "Public Nuisance No. 1"—Ellis)—Frances Day with Orchestra. Kunz Revivals, No. 19—Intro: I'll See You Again; The Desert Song; My Hero. The Merry Widow; Love Will Find A Way; The Blue Danube — Charlie Kunz with Orch.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 An Hour Of Classical Requests.

Symphony No. 5 In E Minor, Op. 66 ("The New World"—Dvorak); 2nd Movement: Largo—The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra. Liebestraus (Love's Joy — Kreisler); Liebestraus (Love's Sorrow—Kreisler)—Fritz Kreisler. Violin w. Piano. Song Of The Volga Boatmen (Challapine, Kocemanna)—Theodore Chailapine (Bass) w. Orch. Hungarian Fantasia For Piano and Orchestra (Liszt) — Jacques Dupont (Piano) & The Orchestra Symphonique de Paris. Hungarian Dance No. 5 in F Sharp Minor (Brahms)—Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden.

9.45 — 10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Classical Requests (Cont.).

Sonata In G Major (G. Dur.) Op. 49 No. 2 (Beethoven)—1st Mov. Allegro ma non troppo; 2nd Mov. Tempo di Minuetto—Arthur Schnabel (Piano Solo). The Last Rose of Summer (Moore—Traditional)—The Kentucky Minstrels with Harp and Organ. Donauwellen—(Danube Wave)—Waltz (Ivanovic)—Orchestra Mascotte.

10.00 London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 A Programme Of Scottish Music and Songs.

Hieland Liddle (Carruthers) — The New Mayfair Orch. Will Ye No Come Back Again? (Baroness Mairae) — Sydney MacEwan (Tenor) with Piano. Scottish Melodies—Intro: Introduction; Annie Laurie; Inverness Gathering Reel; Turn Ye To Me; Bagpipe Imitation — Florence Macbride (Violin) w. Piano. Ae Fond Kiss (Scott Gatty); Dell's Awa' Wi' Th' Excise-man; The Piper O' Dundee—A Alex Carmichael (Baritone) w. Piano. Bonnie Scotland—Intro: She Is Ma Daisy; Ye Banks and Braes; I Love A Lassie; 'Comin' Thro' The Rye; Auld Lang Syne (arr. Pether)—The New Mayfair Orchestra.

10.40 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot — If I Didn't Care — Ambrose and His Orchestra. Rumba — Antillana — Lepuona Cuban Boys. Fox-Trot—Wishing (From film "Love Affair")—Ambrose and His Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trot—The Lady's in Love With You (From film "Some Like It Hot"); Undecided—Benny Goodman and His Orchestra. Waltz — Dearest Love (From "Operette") — Carroll Gibbons and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

11.00 London—"Makers of History"—Kenel Ataturk, Turkey's Great Statesman.

By Barbara Ward.
11.15 Close Down.

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GERMANS SUFFER THOUSANDS OF CASUALTIES IN SMASHING RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IN SMOLENSK AREA

MOSCOW, Sept. 11 (REUTERS)—IN A FIERCE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE SOUTH-EAST OF SMOLENSK, Marshal Timoshenko's forces have driven the Germans across the River "N" destroying 238 tanks, 50 aircraft, 486 lorries and 135 guns, according to a war correspondent of the RED STAR, the Soviet Army organ.

Some 4,000 Germans were drowned in the river, he claims. Although the name of the river is withheld it may be noted that the Dnieper runs southwards between Smolensk and Yelnya city, 45 miles south-east of Smolensk which the Russians have already captured.

The correspondent writes: "Our gallant troops continue their operations, destroying soldiers and equipment. Our troops forced the Germans to retreat beyond the river."

The German Command had massed in this sector a panzer group consisting of several tank divisions and mechanized units. In this sector by means of this "wedge" the enemy intended to assure his advance in the eastern direction.

"For several days and night the Soviet Air Force violently attacked the tanks and the enemy rear."

BATTLE OF TANKS
"The battle of tanks continued for five days in conjunction with the air force and other arms. Soviet tanks vigorously attacked enemy columns. Endeavouring to prevent the advance of our troops the enemy showed fierce resistance. The battles near the river crossing were particularly stubborn. But the resistance of the enemy was broken."

"In the course of these battles, the Germans lost 238 tanks, 50 planes, 486 lorries, 135 guns, 39 machine-guns, 27 mine throwers, 34 motor cycles, 25,000 rounds of ammunition, 65 cases of shells, and a quantity of automatic weapons."

"About 4,000 German officers and men found their graves in the river."

The already considerably battered 17th Nazi tank division lost on the battlefield 60 tanks, 30 guns, 80 lorries and 1,600 men killed or wounded.

"An effective blow was dealt to another German tank division, 600 officers and men being killed."

"Germans taken prisoner speak with horror of the concentrated blows of the Soviet tanks, artillery and air force. The Nazis are falling back under the powerful blows of our troops and operations for smashing the enemy panzer group are continuing."

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE
Following is the text of the Soviet mid-night communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:

"During Sept. 10, our troops continued to fight stubbornly against the enemy along the entire front."

"On Sept. 8, 59 German aircraft were destroyed in air combat and on enemy aerodromes."

"We lost 27 planes."

"On Sept. 9, German planes made several attempts to raid Leningrad but every time were driven back by our Air Force and anti-aircraft fire."

ISOLATED PLANES

"About 10 o'clock, some isolated enemy planes broke through to Leningrad at a high altitude and dropped high explosives and incendiaries in various parts of the city. Several fires broke out in the dwelling-houses as a result of the air raids."

"Our Air force and anti-aircraft guns destroyed 31 German planes on approaches to Leningrad over the city and one enemy aerodrome."

NAZIS SMASHED

LONDON, Sept. 11 (Reuters)—A German motorised division was smashed at Gumi in Marshal Timoshenko's second counter-offensive in the central sector, according to the official Russian news agency.

ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

TOKYO, Sept. 11 (Reuters)—The Japanese Ambassador in Thailand, Mr. Taji Taubokami, presented his credentials yesterday, states a Japanese report from Bangkok.

Mr. Taubokami said the growth of nationalism in Thailand in recent years, was reminiscent of the Meiji era in Japan, and added that Japan hopes for a similar prosperous growth of Thailand, according to the message.

Now revealed that Gads Hill Place, Higham (Kent), where Charles Dickens lived and died, was slightly damaged during a recent air raid.

MALTA IS GRATEFUL

MALTA, Sept. 11 (Reuters)—A shield, inscribed "In token, and an appreciation of gratitude, for the brilliant services rendered in the defence of these islands," was presented to the R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm by the Anglo-Maltese League on Tuesday in the name of the people of Malta.

Air Vice-Marshal Lloyd, replying to the speech by the President of the League, said: "We have been called the Knight of St. John—they cleared the seas of the scourge of piracy, our task is to clear the seas and sky of the scourge of dictatorship and we will."

"Malta and its history is an inspiration to us all."

NEW ZEALAND NAVY HONOURED

WELLINGTON, Sept. 11 (Reuters)—Announcing His Majesty's approval of the New Zealand Navy henceforth being designated "Royal" the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Nash, said all would be glad to associate themselves with this recognition of the war service of New Zealand naval forces to which this honour is implied.

U.S. AMBASSADOR INJURED

LONDON, Sept. 11 (Reuters)—Mr. Drezel Biddle, United States Ambassador to the Allied Governments in London, was injured yesterday while watching manoeuvres by the Netherlands Brigade in the Midlands.

Mr. Biddle received a splinter in the leg and hand and was the first casualty to be treated in the ambulance which, with two mobile canteens, were recently presented to the Brigade by the American people.

A well-known Dartford landmark, Hard's Mill, built in 1787 almost entirely of wood, is being taken down because of the risk of enemy action.

Nazis Refuse Safe Passage To American Evacuee Ships

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (Reuters)—Mr. Cordell Hull revealed yesterday that the Germans had refused to assure safe passage to any American ship proceeding to Britain to fetch United States citizens. The State Department therefore, had taken emergency measures to permit Americans stranded in belligerent countries to return home in planes and ships other than American.

He emphasised that this was not a blank authorisation to use belligerent transportation but would be limited to applications to accommodate Americans marooned many months.

There had been a terrific clamour among Americans in Britain, Europe and Asia to return he explained, adding that between 75 and 100 Americans in Britain alone must return within a few weeks or lose their citizenship. A large number were technicians who went to England in connexion with the war now wished to return.

Gram Swing Walks In Ruins Of Old Home

(By EVE FAYNE, Overseas Daily Mail Reporter)

Mr. Raymond Gram Swing paused in Lincoln's Inn and pointed to a room in one of the damaged towers. "In that room," he said, turning to me, "one of my children was born. And there"—showing me an open space with neatly piled bricks in the centre—"there I lived for many years."

America's ace radio commentator, who had arrived in this country only a few hours before, was touring London with me.

Chain-smoking all the time, he has had great effect all over the country.

'NOW I KNOW'

We walked among wrecked buildings, stepping over twisted girders. Russia was our theme now. Mr. Swing was telling me that he considered that her entry into the war would help to solve some of the United States labour problems, when a policeman came up to ask what we were doing wandering round the bomb damage.

Mr. Swing, smiling at him through his horn-rimmed glasses, asked if he had been through many of the raids.

"All of them," the policeman said.

"Weren't they dreadful?" asked Mr. Swing.

"Only one of them bothered me a bit," the policeman replied.

"Now I know," Mr. Swing said to me as we found our way back to where buildings were still standing, "that however much they change London, they cannot change the Londoner."

AT ST. PAUL'S

We walked along to St. Paul's. The great dome towered up—the sun glinting on the cross. "I have never seen it look so lovely," he said to me. "I hope St. Paul's will never go."

As we walked over the rubble in the shattered streets, unable to distinguish houses from roads, Mr. Swing paused to look inside ruined Wren churches.

With expressive hands he emphasised every comment and showed how much this damage meant to him.

"You see I have not been here for three years," he said. "People have told me things and showed me pictures. I have seen an aerial picture of this very spot, but it is not the same as seeing for yourself."

"Wendell Willkie has done, and is doing, terrific work for you in the States," he added. "His amazing energy and enthusiasm, almost equal to that of the President."

GERMANY'S SIX PEACE DEMANDS ON FRANCE

FROM FRENCH FRONTIER, Sept. 11 (Reuters)—The preliminary Franco-German Peace Treaty, which it is believed Hitler had originally planned should take place for propaganda purposes within the framework of the big peace conference, has not yet received the official signature of the heads of the German and Vichy Governments.

According to political observers, plans for this conference, which was favoured by Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, and Abetz, the German Ambassador to France, and Count de Brinon, the French envoy to occupied France, has been given up owing to opposition by Admiral Darlan.

An agreement in principle, however, as previously foreshadowed, has been drawn up on the following lines:

German annexation of Alsace Lorraine.

Integrity of the French colonies; Compensation for France by obtaining later the Walloon districts of Belgium and British West African colonies.

No territorial concessions to Italy who is to receive Egypt as compensation.

Continuation of German occupation of Northern France, but the term "Occupying troops" to be replaced by "troops belonging to a friendly nation."

France to place all means of assistance at Germany's disposal.

The fate of the French Fleet is wrapped in the deepest secrecy.

LONDON, Sept. 11 (Reuters)—One of the largest convoys ever to cross the Atlantic recently reached a British port and its gigantic freight unloaded and dispersed. Not a ship or man of the convoy became a casualty.

GERMAN CONVOY ATTACKED OFF NORWAY

SUPPLY SHIP HIT BY TORPEDO

LONDON, Sept. 11 (Reuters)—Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command, continuing the hunt for enemy shipping off the southwest coast of Norway yesterday, located a German convoy and torpedoed a supply vessel, states the Air Ministry.

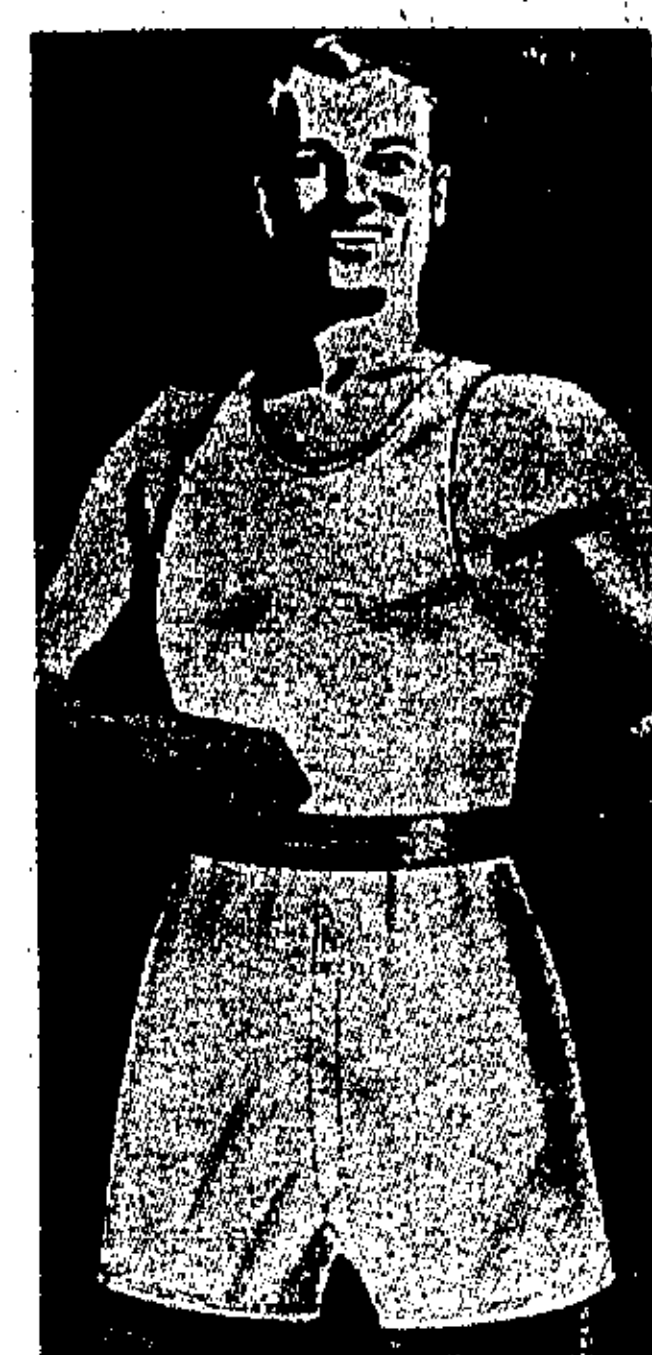
One Beaufort, piloted by the Squadron commander, flew through heavy anti-aircraft fire to release a torpedo.

The air-gunner of another Beaufort, describing the result of another hit, said: "A massive white cloud of spray or steam shot up." When last seen, the ship had come to a complete standstill.

M. E. FRUSTRATED

A third Beaufort had a 20 minutes' fight with a Messerschmitt. The rear-gunner was wounded and replaced by the wireless operator, who had already been wounded but continued to operate the gun until the Messerschmitt gave up the chase after receiving many hits.

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geants—though knowing that they might come down in the sea, took off their live saving jackets to make a comfortable bed for the wounded gunner.

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"CHURCHILL FLAG" MAY BRING BIG SUM

ONE OF THE MOST TREASURED OF MANY TREASURED RELICS IN THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MUSEUM AT CANBERRA IS A SMALL SILK FLAG WHICH A FORMER AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MINISTER, SENATOR PEARCE, ONCE VALUED TENTATIVELY AT £100,000 AS A COLLECTOR'S PIECE.

Twenty years ago the neat little ensign made tall headlines all over the world—not because it was a battle-torn memento of some famous engagement but because, written finely in indelible pencil on its red silk were the autographs of the men who were then England—Kitchener, Haig, Jellicoe, Lloyd George, Kipling, Asquith, Edward Prince of Wales and a score of others.

On the two or three square feet of fine silk in that flag were collected the personal signatures of virtually every great political, military and economic leader of the Great War generation.

HISTORIC VALUE

In the end even King George V and Queen Mary added their signatures to the collection, rounding off the historic value of what must surely be one of the most notable personal mementos of a great age.

Christened "THE KITCHENER FLAG," it toured the world raising funds for the Australian War Chest and was finally raffled in Melbourne (raising £20,000 for incapacitated soldiers), won by an old sailor, bought by a wealthy sportsman for 2000 guineas and presented to the nation.

It was in the brain of Mr. P. W. Tewkesbury, of Melbourne, that the idea of "The Kitchener Flag" originated. Not only did he conceive the idea but he also collected the signatures personally on a tour of the world.

"CHURCHILL FLAG"

Now he has engineered a flag memorial of the Second Great War

GRETA GARBO



What a new hair-do can do.

NEWSETTES

Mr. Wang Chi-yuan, Dean of the Shanghai Colleges of Fine Arts, and also a noted Chinese painter, was among the passengers on the President Harrison which left the Colony yesterday.

Mr. Kao Ling-pai, Chinese Consul-General in Singapore, yesterday cabled General Liu Chien-hsu congratulating him upon his appointment as new Chairman of the Fukien Provincial Government. General Liu succeeds General Chen Yi, who has been transferred to another post.

Mr. Chang Shu-chi, professor of Chinese art of the National Central University, who presented a painting of 100 doves to President Roosevelt upon his re-election for a third term left for the United States aboard the s.s. President Harrison yesterday.

Mr. G. E. Mitchell, Director of China Assurance Corporation, Ltd., has left for San Francisco.

One of the queerest of the tropical oddities found in the Miami area is the "Leaf of Life." Absorbing its nourishment from the air it needs no water or earth on which to thrive. Each leaf sprouts smaller ones within a week.

As a mark of public recognition of the meritorious services rendered by the late Mr. Chang Chi-luan, Chief Editor of the Takung-pao, who died on September 8, Messrs. Chen Ming-teh, Chow Chin-yueh and Lo Cheng-lieh, Directors of the Chinese Institute of Journalism are proposing to the Institute and the Chungking Press Association that the Government be petitioned to accord a public funeral to Mr. Chang.

Dr. Chien Tai, Chinese Ambassador to Belgium, arrived in Chungking by plane from Hongman of Sub-Committee, reported kong on Sept. 2, to assume his new post as Administrative Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs. The same evening a dinner reception was given in his honour by Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Foreign Minister, when the guests included Mr. Fu Ping-chang, Political Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, as well as the various secretaries, counsellors and directors of the Chinese Foreign Office.

Clare Boothe, noted play-wright, arrived in Manila on Monday aboard the Anzac Clipper to make a three-week tour of the Philippines for Life Magazine. She is expected to spend much of her time in Baguio and the Mountain Province. She was in Baguio in June with her husband, Henry R. Luce.

A mission composed of overseas Chinese leaders from Indo-China arrived in Kwellin on Tuesday to inspect conditions in China and was received by General Li Chien-sen, Director of the Generalissimo's Kwellin Office.

The death occurred on September 4, at his residence, 109 Columbia Circle, Shanghai, of Stanley Maurice Mayes, aged 54 years. Funeral services (cremation) were held at the Bubbling Well Chapel, on September 6.

The death occurred on September 3, at the Russian Orthodox Hospital, Shanghai, of Alexander Arkadievich Gourvich, aged 49 years, manager of the Columbia and Great Western Riding Academy. Funeral services were held on Sept. 4, at the Chapel of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiochow Road, and was followed by burial at the Hungjiao Road Cemetery.

Army Officer Married

QUIET CEREMONY AT ST. ANDREW'S

A quiet wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church yesterday afternoon when MISS JEAN MACLEOD MATHER became the bride of CAPTAIN DAVID ALAN FINLAYSON MATHERS of 2/13 Punjab Regiment Kowloon.

Rev. H. A. Wittenbach officiated at the ceremony and Mr. David Lee was at the organ.

The bridegroom was attended by Captain R. Blair as bestman.

The bride looked charming in a white embossed tulle gown cut with a tight bodice and a full flare skirt. Her tulle veil was held in place with a spray of orange blossoms and she carried a spray of white tuber-roses.

Mrs. F. W. N. Bassett attended the bride as matron-of-honour in an Alice Blue French georgette gown with accessories to match and wore a corsage of pink roses.

The reception was held at the Punjab Mess and was largely attended.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages have been announced at the Registry, Supreme Court:—

Mr. Antonio Marie Conde Barretto, clerk, residing at No. 2 Granville Road, and Miss Thelma Marie Serapia Rozario, of No. 35 Granville Road.

Mr. Leung Fook-ming, money-changer, of No. 326 Hennessy Road, and Miss Au Yeung Tim Yau of No. 28 Johnston Road.

LADIES OF THE ARMY

The U.S. War Department recently picked a female press agent: Mrs. William Pettus Hobby, wife of the publisher of the Houston (Tex.) Post. Her job is to head a new Women's Division of the Army's Bureau of Public Relations.

No son sister is slight, 35-year-old, soft-spoken Oveta Culp Hobby. She is used to getting things done. Executive vice-president and assistant editor of the Houston Post, she was a director of the Cokburn National Bank.

Taking over in Room 2840, of the War Department Building, on the day she was appointed. Mrs. Hobby announced that she was going to assemble a staff of female reporters to write Army news for the women's pages, to tell women (estimated at four for every one of the 1,500,000 men in the Army) about their sons' and husbands' discipline, food, clothing, entertainment. Says she: "This is the public's Army, the nation's Army, and the women have as much interest in it as the men."

Her husband, William Hobby (Governor of Texas in 1917-21), 18 years her senior, remains in Texas to run the Post.

A HUSBAND BUYS HATS!

I heard a rather delightful story this week about a young man who had had a bit of luck with his investments and wanted to give a present to his wife, writes Joanna Chase in the Overseas Daily Mail. It couldn't be chocolates, as he couldn't get them, and it couldn't be clothes because of the coupons and the fact that he wanted to give her a surprise. So he decided to buy her a couple of new hats. He went to a Knightsbridge milliner all by himself, described his wife, and said he would like to see some hats.

He remembered the colour of her dresses, and looked at a range of model millinery, all of which rather confused him, until he hit on the idea of seeing them worn.

A model was brought forward, and put several hats on so that he could see what they looked like on the head. He bought two, took them home with him, and announced to his staggered wife that he had bought her a couple of hats. She held her breath and wondered what on earth she could say to him if they were frightful, because she realised it was very brave of him to have gone off alone to buy hats for her. She put them on; they both suited her, and furthermore she says they are two of the most becoming hats she has had for years.

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"MISS CHINA" 1941

Miss Mei mei Wong, comely young Chinese girl, was chosen as Miss China of 1941 by the Judges of the International Beauty Contest held at the Argentina Night Club, Shanghai, on Sept. 2. In addition to the title, Miss Wong received \$1,500 and will be given a screen test by Universal Pictures Corporation.

To petite Miss Alice Lee, also Chinese, went second honours and a prize of \$750.

Miss Genevieve Grassman topped all foreign contestants to win third prize and \$500.

A capacity crowd was in attendance. The judges were Dr. A. Renner, Messrs. Victor Keen, Bert Palmertz, W. Y. Poong and Jack Howard.

NEW RECORD CHANGER

RCA Victor recently made the biggest phonographic news of the year by putting out a machine that could play both sides of a record without flipping it over. Up to now, record changers have been of two types: 1. The "drop" type, which plays a stack of records butter-side up only; 2. The Capehart, which flips records like flapjacks on a griddle. Drawback of the drop type: It cannot play alternate sides in sequence. Drawback of the Capehart: It is expensive.

The new record changer has a double tone arm, shaped like a big tuning fork, whose prongs, each equipped with a needle and pickup, swing out over both sides of the record at once. Records are dropped from the stack on to a miniature turntable which leaves the grooved surface of both sides exposed. The upper side of the record is played by the upper prong. Then the record automatically begins to turn backward, and the lower prong plays the lower side. Then the record slips down a chute, and No. 2 drops into place.

A special feature of the new phonograph is the pickup mechanism of the two prongs, so light that it exerts less pressure (1 oz.) than the weight of the record. Like the Capehart, RCA Victor's new phonograph is expensive (\$450). But with both on the market, competition may do a little price regulating.

ENGLISH FORUM

A talk on the recent Japanese-United States discussions was given by Dr. Wen Yuan-ning, editor of the Tien Hsin Magazine and chief of the China Information Committee, before a gathering of the Hongkong English Forum at the Chinese Y.W.C.A., Bonham Road, last night.

Praise For The B.B.C.

One hears much these days of awards for bravery and devotion to duty—acts of great gallantry by all branches of the service and often just jobs that had to be done, however difficult, by everyday people. But there is one service which has never been so decorated, nor given undue praise—perhaps because people accept it so unquestioningly. It is the BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION and those men and women who carry on under incredible difficulties.

Day after day, with the twist of a dial, we can sit by our fireside and hear a friendly voice saying: "THIS IS LONDON CALLING—CLOCKWORK PRECISION."

Big Ben may be blasted, Westminster Abbey stand open to the sky and many beloved buildings reduced to rubble, but nothing disturbs the daily news services. Broadcasting House was hit, even as the overseas news was being relayed. There was damage, death, but the unfaltering voice went on—and no one knew till later. So each day with clockwork precision.

Is it any wonder then that the very words ring out across the ether a challenge to Nazi evil: "This is LONDON calling"—London, who can take it. Hats off to all who help to make the British Broadcasting Corporation the great service it now is. Or, better put, perhaps, in that inimitable phrase: "I dips me lid."



CAPTIVATING Cinema to any taste is this hot and matching bag selected by Vicki Lester; beautiful film actress who supports Ginger Rogers in RKO Radio's "Tom, Dick and Harry." Charismatic, lavender and green are the colors dripping the silk taffeta of the past hat and large pouch bag.

CHINESE CONSUL IN BATAVIA

CHUNGKING Sept. 11 (Central)—The National Government in mandate issued yesterday confirmed the appointment of Mr. Ke Tau-kwong as Chinese Consul-General at Batavia.

Simultaneously, Mr. Hu Mai was appointed a member of the National Relief Commission and Mr. Chu Ching-hsuan, Secretary of the Ministry of Social Welfare.

MRS. COLLETTE-VARE ELIMINATED

BROOKLINE, (Massachusetts) Sept. 11 (Reuter)—Mrs. Glenna Collette-Vare, six-time holder of the title, was eliminated from the American Women's Golf Championship here yesterday by Miss Clara Callender, of Pasadena, California.

Miss Callender, who won by five and four, enters the quarter finals.

Fishing in the Thames at Kingston, an angler caught a perch with its tail fast in a roller skate.

THE OPENING EVENT OF THE SEASON

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"OUR BARE DUTY"

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor struck a particularly appropriate note in his first broadcast address to the people of Hong Kong on Wednesday night when he emphasised the vital necessity for the public and the administration to work together for the welfare not only of the community in general in this Colony, but also to perform the bare duty that is expected from Hong Kong "in this crisis of human affairs." This has been one of the main drawbacks in recent years to the social and economic progress of the Colony. While the public itself has been to some extent responsible for this lack of co-operation with the Government, owing to an incomprehensible lethargy in its interest in the affairs of the Colony, the administration contributed to the widening gap between official and unofficial views by refusing to recognise the importance of winning the confidence of the communities domiciled here. As a result selfishness was allowed to creep in on both sides and grievances against what can best be described as autocratic methods arose.

IN THE ADDRESS of welcome which was read to His Excellency soon after his arrival, he was promised the loyal co-operation of all members of the community. His Excellency, in the course of his broadcast address, rightly claimed the fulfilment of that promise. As far as the public is concerned, we are certain that all communities here are anxious and eager to work together with the Government, provided that they are assured

PRISON OFFICIAL SLASHED

Mr. Harold Barrett, Chief Officer of Stanley Prison, was the victim of a vicious attack by a prisoner when walking through the workshop where convicts were making mats.

Mr. Barrett was slashed on the knee with a sharp knife. The wound penetrated to the bone.

Mr. Barrett fell unconscious and was removed to the Queen Mary Hospital.

It will be recalled that Mr. Barrett was the victim of a similar assault in 1940. He is due to retire next week after 21 years' service.

of a sympathetic understanding of their problems and fair treatment in the attempts made to solve them. His Excellency has already indicated his sympathy and interest in at least one of the subjects which has been exercising the public mind for over twelve months. What he can do on this much discussed evacuation controversy cannot be predicted, but his sympathetic understanding of this and other matters will do much to restore that spirit of working together for which he appealed and must contribute to a better relationship between the Government and the governed.

ANGLO-U.S. LABOUR

NOT MANY people appear to be aware of the significant part which the Trade Unions of Britain are playing in the present war. Much has been heard of the way in which labour at home has rallied to the cause for which Britain is fighting and of the enormous sacrifices being made by workers throughout the Empire to replenish the mother country's war requirements. There is, however, a more important aspect of Britain's labour organisation to be found in the report of the recent Trade Union Congress—this is the eagerness of the workers at home to make closer contact with American labour. The motive for this is clear. It is to make the labour organisations of the United States understand that it is a peoples' war that Britain and her allies are fighting and which the Americans are supporting and, at the same time, to indicate to American workers the specific kind of aid that is required.

THE Trade Union Congress is, therefore, playing a very valuable role in the furthering of Anglo-American relations, because, first and foremost, the viewpoint of British workers is now being explained to American workers through their leader, Mr. George Gibson, Chairman of the Trade Union Congress. This is a task which the British Government officials in the United States cannot be expected to accomplish successfully. His proposal at the Trade Union Congress that bodies of British workers should pay periodical visits to the United States to tell labour organisations in that country about the work being done in Britain is worthy of the deepest consideration. Such a move will undoubtedly be reciprocated by the United States and a state of close co-operation between British and American labour will be established to the lasting benefit not only of Britain's war effort, but also to the advantage of social and economic conditions in both countries after the war.

Troops are helping in hay-making at Windsor Castle.

CONTRABAND CONTROL IN KWANGCHOWWAN?

It is confirmed that on Sept 6 special orders were given by the Chief Administrator of Kwangchowwan, Mr. Marly, to the Harbour Controller recently appointed, of the port of Fort Bayard, Mr. Haller, to make an exact assessment of all the cargoes exported from other ports. The party consisted of Mr. Haller, one native sergeant and various armed guards.

When the Portuguese ship Wing Wo arrived in Kwangchowwan from Hong Kong she was immediately boarded by the assessing party. Guards were put in various sections of the ship so that nothing could go out without their knowledge. Nobody was allowed to come on board or disembark and no boat was allowed to approach the ship. The cargoes were inspected very carefully by the sergeant under supervision of Mr. Haller. After each inspection all portholes were sealed so that nothing could be taken away from the ship.

On the same day of the arrival of Wing Wo, many other merchant ships also arrived, among them being the French ship Jean Dupis from Macao, and the Panama ship Masbate of Hong Kong. The same procedure took place with these and others ships. An Army Lieutenant and more guards were called out.

NO SURPRISE

No surprise was caused when practically the whole cargo on Jean Dupis was found to be contraband, or at least illegal, for that port. A big quantity of cotton yarn and hundreds of five gallons "Diesel" oil was found. It was expected that the whole cargo would be confiscated. This was not done, however, and not even a fine was imposed.

It is alleged that the Japanese are the owners of the cargo and an understanding between them and the French Authorities in Kwangchowwan was reached.

It is understood that an identical case arose over a year ago when two British ships were assessed and a fine of 16,000 dollars was imposed on each of them.

As no illegal cargo was on board the s.s. Wing Wo, she was allowed to proceed with the loading of cargo, but the same does not apply to s.s. Masbate, which is under the French Government control, as illegal cargo was found on her.

The national milk scheme of 13,500,000 a year, and 3,505,000 people benefit from it.

DENTAL CONDITIONS AMONG CHINESE CHILDREN IN H.K.

Some interesting facts about dental conditions among Chinese children in Hong Kong were revealed by DR. T. C. LAU, D.D.S., when he addressed the Hong Kong Y's Men's Club yesterday.

Dr. Lau recently completed a field study of the dental situation among Chinese refugees, etc., for the Director of Medical Services. The work required two years to complete.

Broadcast Corporation Finances

The Malaya Broadcasting Corporation and its finances are the subject of a letter sent to the Colonial Secretary by the committee of the European Association of Malaya.

The general position of the Corporation was discussed at a recent meeting of the committee, following receipt of a letter from a member of the Association.

As a result of the discussions the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. K. Gale, was instructed to write to the Colonial Secretary enquiring what proportion of the expenses of the Corporation are borne by: (1) the Government of the Straits Settlements, (2) by the Government of the Federated Malay States, and (3) what measure of control the Government of the Straits Settlements has over the expenditure of the Corporation.

GRAVE CONCERN

The M.B.C.'s intention to bring musicians to Malaya was another subject discussed and the Association is writing a letter to the Colonial Secretary notifying him that the committee views this "with grave concern."

"At the present time there is a severe shortage of shipping space from England to this country; that space should be reserved for persons whose work is necessary for the efficient prosecution of the war."

"The present cost of passages is so high that it should not be incurred for this purpose, and first-class musicians, who alone would be satisfactory, cannot be obtained at the salaries offered."

NEW MUSICAL SEASON

MAESTRO MA AT ROSE ROOM

The new musical season will be ushered in at the PENINSULA HOTEL ROSE ROOM this evening with the first local recital by the noted violin soloist, MAESTRO MA SITSON, after an absence of two years from Hong Kong.

He will be accompanied at the piano by his wife, Mrs. Mary Wong Ma.

There will be another recital on Saturday evening. Tickets may be obtained from the Peninsula Hotel, Messrs. Tsang Fook's, Mount's, Anderson's and Peter's.

The programme includes masterpieces of Bach, Schubert and Kreisler.

This evening, the Maesros will render Beethoven's Concerto in D Major (op. 61), and, on Saturday, Mendelssohn's Concerto in E Minor (op. 64).

A special feature will also be the Maestro's own compositions: his Sonata No. 1 for violin and piano, the "Sylvan" suite, as well as his "Sword Dance" and "Rondeau."

CHINESE YOUTH MESSAGE

Senor Carlos P. Romulo, well known Philippines publisher and editor, has given the following message to the Chinese Youth League:

"I congratulate you all for your patriotic endeavour to galvanise your people into action and make of Free China a country of liberty, loving, courageous free men. Liberty comes only to those who are willing to sacrifice their all for it, and an immortal one said, 'Only those are fit to live who are not afraid to die.' You have my very best wishes and may China continue her fearless resistance that has won the admiration of the whole world."

APPEAL TRIBUNAL SITTING

ONE APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER GRANTED

Two applications for re-assignment from the Combatant Group were considered by the Appeal Tribunal, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor (Chairman), Brigadier A. Peffers and Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon.

Mr. A. J. W. Evans, of the British Cigarette Co., Ltd., told the Chairman that the firm had received orders to manufacture cigarettes for the British Forces in Malaya and this meant that the factory would have to run practically 24 hours a day. He was prepared to do A.R.P. work.

The application was granted.

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

Mr. R. L. Tanner, of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., applied on the ground that he was the chief accountant in the local office and would not be spared the time for training.

The Chairman told applicant that he would communicate with the Commandant.

SIXTY-NINTH BIRTHDAY OF HSU SHIH-YING

Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission, celebrated his 69th birthday anniversary on Wednesday receiving congratulations from more than 500 prominent Chinese who thronged in his residence at Austin Road, Kowloon.

Those present included Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications, and Mr. Liu Wei-chih, Minister of Overseas Affairs.

It is learned that Chinese Government leaders in Chungking, including General Feng Yu-hsiang, General Wu Chung-hsin, General Wei Li-huang and others, have raised more than \$200,000 as a scholarship fund in Mr. Hsu's name.

Japanese Journalists Fined

Takashi Kalte, managing editor and publisher of the Eastern News, pleading guilty in Singapore to two charges under the Control of Paper Order, which came into force only this year, said that he had been a journalist for over ten years and his publication, the Eastern News, was not a newspaper but a daily news bulletin of current world affairs.

Takashi Kalte told the court that he was informed by the Controller of Paper that he would be required to furnish particulars of his paper under the new Paper Order.

Asked why he did not do so, Kalte said that he had overlooked the matter, but since then, he had furnished all the necessary information to the Control Office and a licence had been issued to him.

Mr. K. K. Oon fined Kalte \$50.

SIMILAR CASE

A similar case was brought against Tekichi Tetsuka, the manager of the Nanyo Nichi Nichi Shimbun, on two summons charges of failing to furnish particulars of the said paper to the competent authority within a fortnight from July 10 and also publishing his paper without being licensed.

Tetsuka pleaded guilty and said in mitigation that he was waiting for forms from the Control Office to fill in and by the time he knew that no such forms were sent out by that office, it was too late.

Tetsuka said that he had since met the necessary requirements and a licence had been issued to him.

Mr. K. K. Oon imposed fines totalling \$70.

supply is, in fact, entirely insufficient to meet the requirements of this Colony, this being one of the main reasons for the increase in its price. Another reason is the summer heat when the eggs are bound to deteriorate in a very short time.

HIGH PRICE FOR EGGS

The price of eggs, that most essential and nutritious article of food consumed by foreigners and Chinese alike, has soared up sky high during the past few days. The wholesale price for a case of 650 eggs imported from Shanghai is now \$47, or approximately 9 to 10 cents each in retail.

Hongkong used to get its supply of eggs from Shanghai and Tientsin, and some from the New Territories. But Tientsin has recently banned the exports of eggs, and the remaining source of supply to Hongkong now is Shanghai. This

LONDON NEGRO CHOIR



Norris Smith, the coloured singer, leading the London Negro Choir during a recent broadcast in the B.B.C.'s Overseas Service.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF BRITISH POLICY ON LEND AND LEASE ARRANGEMENT

"Today we had an important statement of British Government policy on lend and lease supplies. This statement should serve to correct some of the misunderstandings that have arisen on this subject," said Mr. Kevin O'Carroll, B.B.C. news commentator, when he broadcast from London on Wednesday.

"There have been widespread reports that Britain has been using supplies under the lend and lease arrangement to push her export trade at the expense of the United States. The White Paper issued today demolishes that statement and shows that the lend and lease arrangement is being conducted in a fair and just manner.

"Any supplies used by Britain for export were not those that came to her under the lend and lease, but shipments which were paid for by her before this latter arrangement.

"Lend and lease supplies are only now beginning to reach Britain and there is no question of using them to compete with United States exporters. Britain's export trade is essential to her war effort.

RUSSIAN FRONT

"The news from the Russian front is very confusing," went on Mr. O'Carroll. "The battle is still raging fiercely and the Germans are keeping up a tremendous pressure on Leningrad. There is no confirmation of the German claim to have encircled the city, but even if they have done so it does not mean that they have got the city within their grip."

"I see that the Berlin military commentator said tonight that he would not predict when Leningrad would fall, but that it would fall some day! This is typical of Nazi propaganda, which is now stressing the hardships with which their troops are faced in the hope that this will give the impression that the threat to Russia is not so great and that, therefore, aid to the Soviet is not necessary."

"One German paper has been speaking of the skillful construction of the defences in Leningrad, while another discusses the rain and mud which are being cursed by the German troops."

"But the truth is that the Germans are doing all they can to take Leningrad by storm and to take it quickly. They may also be expected to make another big effort to take Kiev."

IMPORTANT ROLE

"Much satisfaction has been caused by the announcement made by Mr. Eden that the Iranian Government is handing over to the German interests there to the British and allied forces. Iran is going to play an important part as a channel for supplying Russia with war materials and Russia as well as Britain will benefit."

BOY BITTEN ON FACE

Public Square, Street, Yaumatei, was a scene of great excitement on Wednesday, when a Chinese, from all appearances a lunatic, went chasing all passers-by and tried to strike some of them. He succeeded in getting hold of a boy of about eight years of age, and bit him on the face.

The commotion attracted a Police constable who arrested him and took him to the Police Station.

EUROPEAN SERGEANT COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, the case in which Sergt. Edwin McDermott, P. C. Li Hei, and P. C. Chu Ping are charged with demanding \$100, with menaces, from Lo Kiu, woman, at No. 198, Queen's Road West, second floor, on Aug. 2, with intent to steal same, was concluded when the accused were committed for trial.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. F. W. Shafton, A. D. C. I. (C.) assisted by Det. Insp. J. O'Donovan. First and second defendants were represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, Mr. M. A. Silva appeared for the third accused.

Yesterday Tang Wai-cheun, questioned by Mr. Shafton, stated that when returning with complainant and a friend, Ng Chu-fat, after midnight on Aug. 2, the door was opened by a European (first defendant) who pushed them into the passage and ordered them to sit on a bed space from where witness could see two Chinese searching the floor.

Witness could hear complainant asking to be excused over something.

Ball for McDermott was reduced to \$50, while the other two were allowed bail at \$2,000 each.

Evacuation Representation Committee Communique

The following communique was received from the Evacuation Representation Committee:—

"At a committee meeting held last evening at the Peninsula Hotel, the following business was transacted.

"Minutes of last General and Committee meetings were read and passed.

"Correspondence was read to the Committee and in certain cases it was decided that action be taken by the Committee.

"Balance sheet was discussed at some length and the receding financial position.

"The Resolution adopted by the General Meeting was then brought up for discussion and it was eventually decided to seek legal advice.

"A case of hardship and/or injustice was brought to the notice of the Committee by a member and it was decided that cases of hardship and/or injustice of those affected by the Evacuation will be taken up and referred to the Hongkong Government.

"The meeting opened at 8.30 p.m. and closed at 11.14 p.m."

So that their staffs can help with the harvesting, Ashford (Kent) shopkeepers are being urged to close all day on Wednesday, instead of only in the afternoon.

NATIONAL DEFENCE OF JAPAN

TOKYO, Sept. 11 (Reuters) — A national defence headquarters under the Imperial Command has been created which is responsible for all phases of the national defence of Japan, Korea, Formosa and South Saghalien.

The Inspector-General of Military Education, General Otsu Yamada, has been appointed C-in-C.

Japan Proper is divided into four military districts, eastern, western, northern and central.

TOJO AT PALACE

Lieutenant General Hideki Tojo, Japanese War Minister, was granted an audience by the Emperor this morning, and then attended the liaison conference between the High Command and Government at the Imperial Palace.

Later he addressed the Privy Council.

Considerable significance is attached to General Tojo's activities in view of Press suggestions that yesterday's Naval personnel shifts are possibly linked with strategical factors.

NATIONAL SERVICE

Reuter Bulletin reports from Tokyo that the National Mobilisation Committee has approved the draft of an Imperial Ordinance making Japanese males from 14 to 40, and females from 14 to 26, liable for national service.

Another Ordinance is for the mobilisation of doctors, dentists, chemists and nurses.

EVACUATING N.E.I.

BATAVIA, Sept. 11 (Reuters) — Friday next another big batch of Japanese women and children evacuating the N.E.I. for Japan will board the Kitano Maru and leave the same day.

This is the second big transport leaving the N.E.I.

LAMOTTE PICQUET

The flagship of the French Fleet in Far Eastern waters, the cruiser Lamotte Picquet (7,249 tons), will sail for Japan to undergo repairs at Sakurajima dockyard of the Osaka Iron Works, says a Japanese message from Hanoi.

Stubborn Fighting

LONDON, Sept. 11 (Reuters) — The Soviet communiqué today states that stubborn fighting continued along the whole front during the night.

It is learned in London that the Germans have started an attack in the Murmansk area. It is impossible to say how far the attack is developing.

The situation around Leningrad is unchanged.

PIERCE BATTLE

MOSCOW, Sept. 11 (Reuters) — Pierce fighting is in progress in the direction of Velikie Luki, 125 miles north-west of Smolensk, according to the newspaper KRANS-NAYA ZVEDA, quoted by the official Russian News Agency TASS.

The agency adds that Red Army units are inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. During the last 24 hours, the Russian air force and land troops annihilated over 12,000 German men and officers, destroyed 340 tanks and armoured cars, 140 guns and 400 lorries, and brought down 47 planes.

The newspaper also reports that the offensive launched by Soviet troops several days ago on the Kestenga sector of the front is progressing successfully.

WOP PLANES DOWNED

MOSCOW, Sept. 11 (Reuters) — The first battle between Soviet and Italian planes resulted in three out of a formation of 10 Italian aircraft being shot down, it is claimed.

The battle was fought in the Dnieper River area. Italian flying Caproni fighters were intending to use these planes as bombers.

SARDINIA ENTIRELY IN GERMAN HANDS

LISBON, Sept. 11 (Reuters) — Some thousands of German troops have recently passed through Italy en route to Sardinia, according to a traveller who has arrived here from Italy.

The traveller states that Sardinia is entirely in German occupation and no Italian is allowed to enter the island without a pass so jealously is it guarded. It is believed the Germans intend to reinforce the African front.

Difficulties That Beset British Submarines At Work In Mediterranean

The difficulties and dangers that beset British and allied submarines in the course of their operations in the various theatres of war were explained by Lieut.-Comdr. Thomas Woodruffe, B.B.C. naval commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

Comdr. Woodruffe said that in the last few weeks the enemy had been throwing fresh reinforcements into North Africa across the Mediterranean. This had given extra targets for British submarines in that area and they had made the fullest use of their opportunities.

RECENT ATTACK

The speaker referred to a recent attack which had been made on an Italian convoy which had been escorted by torpedo boats and destroyers. The difficulties here were that British submarines were operating in enemy waters and submarine commanders had to be careful that a sudden crash dive did not become uncontrollable.

"Our submarines, however, had pressed home their attacks whenever they saw a target," continued Comdr. Woodruffe. "They have gone so far as to attack a convoy and two cruisers outside Benghazi."

Comdr. Woodruffe said that it had to be borne in mind that British submarines in this area were fighting in the heat of a Mediterranean summer. Nevertheless, in spite of these disadvantages, since August, submarines operating in the Mediterranean had sunk or damaged 32,000 tons of enemy shipping, including a 11,000-ton liner which was being used as a troopship.

MUCH TO BE DONE

"It is not always healthy for our submarines to hang about in these enemy waters," said Comdr. Woodruffe. "After all an attack only takes a few seconds at a time, but there is a great deal to be done."

Corinth Canal Again Raided By Heavy Bombers Of R.A.F.

CAIRO, Sept. 11 (Reuters) — The Corinth Canal has again been heavily bombed, announces an R.A.F. Middle East communiqué which states: "Heavy bombers of the R.A.F. bombed the Corinth Canal on the night of Sept. 8-9. A number of direct hits were registered on both banks and it is estimated considerable damage was caused."

"On the same night, the Heraklion aerodrome was attacked. The landing grounds at Tmimi, Marutaba, Derna and Gazala were raided."

"Our aircraft subsequently carried out machine-gun attacks on the motor transport on the road between Derna and Tobruk, starting a number of fires."

"R.A.F. fighters patrolling over shipping off the Cyrenaica coast were attacked by a large force of Messerschmitts 109's but the attack was beaten off and no subsequent raid by the enemy bombers materialised."

MALTA RAID

"During the same night, enemy aircraft raided Malta but caused only slight damage to civilian property."

"One of our night fighters shot down one Cant Z-1007 into the sea after it had been caught in the searchlights. Five survivors of the crew were captured."

"On the same night, an unsuccessful attempt was made to raid Haifa. No damage or casualties were caused."

JUNKERS DOWNED

"Last night, enemy aircraft, carried out two attacks on R.A.F. stations in the Canal Zone and on both occasions our night fighters intercepted the enemy."

"One Junkers 88 was shot down, and another damaged."

"There were no R.A.F. casualties and the damage caused was slight."

"From all above operations, two of our aircraft are missing."

INDIAN TROOPS PRAISED

SIMLA, Sept. 11 (Reuters) — Praise for the qualities of Indian troops whom he saw in action on the North-west frontier is expressed by COLONEL DRAPER, senior observer in India of the United States Government.

"I was greatly impressed with the keenness and fitness of the troops and their evident skill in mountain warfare," he said.

HEAVIEST RAID ON N. ITALY

What is described as the heaviest raid yet made on Northern Italy was carried out by aircraft of the Bomber Command on Wednesday night.

The Royal Arsenal at Turin, which was the main objective was heavily bombed.

Large fires were left burning, says British Wireless.

Four of our aircraft are missing. This was the first raid since January last, says Reuter.

Other bombers attacked Genoa and Messina, in Sicily.

British raids on Northern Italy involve a non-stop flight of at least 1,600 miles with a double crossing of the Alps.

Britain was raid free for the second night in succession last night.

TANKER SUNK

The Italian tanker Maya, of 3,800 tons, has been sunk by a British submarine in Aegean Sea, according to an Admiralty announcement.

H.K. GIFT FOR AIRCRAFT

LONDON, Sept. 11 (BWS) — Gifts towards the purchase of aircraft acknowledged by the Minister for Aircraft Production include another contribution from the SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST War Fund to bring the total to £151,889.

The BURMA War Donation Fund have sent a further £10,000 towards the cost of a Burma squadron of medium bombers, total to date being £120,000.

With a further £37,500 from the MADRAS Governor's War Fund the people of Madras have now contributed £337,454.

SWEDISH T.U.C.

LONDON, Sept. 11 (BWS) — Mr. George Gibson, who presided at the British Trade Union Congress annual meeting at Edinburgh last week, attended the Swedish Trade Union Congress at Stockholm yesterday.

The DAILY HERALD states that the welcome he received was a lively and heartfelt demonstration of the sympathy of Swedish trade unionists with their British colleagues.

REVOLT SPIRIT SMOULDERING IN RUMANIA

The spirit of revolt is smouldering throughout Rumania.

Reports reaching London state that Rumanian refugees who have just arrived in Switzerland report serious discontent in Rumania with the Antonescu regime and the war against Russia, says Reuter.

The big losses on the battlefields have had a shattering effect on the population and food difficulties are arising in the country which used to export large food surplus.

Acts of violence against German soldiers are taking place. Leaflets signed by the National Peasant Party leader, M. Maniu, and the National Liberal Party leader, M. Bratolnu, with the slogan, "Rumania out of war," are being broadcast throughout the country in a growing anti-war campaign.

Meanwhile, Germany is reported to be insisting on more Rumanian troops for the front.

SESSA TORPEDOED AND SHELLED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (Reuters) — The State Department disclosed that the Sessa was both torpedoed and shelled by a submarine, presumed to be German, without warning while bound from the United States to Iceland.

The three survivors of the Sessa are a Dane, a Swede and a Portuguese.

K.C.I.E. FOR SIR ALEXANDER ROGER

H.M. the King yesterday invested Sir Alexander Roger, Chairman of the Ministry of Supply mission to India, with the insignia of K.C.I.E., states Reuter Bulletin.

Wood Green Council, who asked for a Government order making it compulsory for the public to carry gas masks, have been informed that the Minister of Home Security is not prepared to countenance such an order.

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CLOSURE OF CHUNGKING UNIVERSITY

In a speech at the Weekly Memorial Service in Chengtu, General Chang Chun, Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government, expressed regret over the student agitation in the Provincial Chungking University against the new President, Mr. Liang Yinwen, and explained that the closure of the University by order of the Ministry of Education was a necessary measure to discipline unruly students.

General Chang said that it had been found that only a small number of students were involved in the agitation and their ringleaders had been punished. As to the majority of the students who were not implicated, General Chang added, measures will be taken to enable them to continue their studies.

General Chang said that the University was founded by the late Chairman, General Liu Hsiang, and was the highest institution of learning in the province.

In recent years, he further stated, the morale of the students in the institution had deteriorated and everytime when there was a change of administration, the students interfered and indulged in unruly activities by either demanding the retention of the old administration... or rejecting the new one.

For the purpose of enforcing discipline, General Chang declared, the Government cannot but take stern measures to check the students and close the University pending readjustments.

General Chang said that the Ministry of Education has appointed a committee composed of Messrs. Liang Yinwen, Wu Tschangsiang and others to reorganize the university and is co-operating with the Szechwan Provincial Government in effecting the necessary readjustments. — (Central News).

During hot weather Air Station Commanders may allow W.A.A.F.s to remove their jackets at work or off duty. When this was stated it was added that they must not appear in towns without jackets.

Successful Swimming Trials

NG NIN SETS A NEW MARK

The second day of trials for the Colony's Swimming Championships in the V.R.C. pool yesterday afternoon was a great success.

Ng Nin, of Sing Tao, set a new record in the 50 yards free-style, when he clocked at 24.3/5 secs.

THE RESULTS

Men's 50 yds. free-style (1st heat): 1. Tsui Hang (E.A.A.); 2. Wong Chie-hong (Sing Tao); 3. Lo Yuk-wing (C.Y.M.C.A.) 25 secs. (2nd heat): 1. Ng Nin (Sing Tao); 2. D. Hutchinson; 3. Shek Kai-pui (Sing Tao) 24.3/5 secs. (Record).

V.R.C. ladies' 50 yds. free-style (1st heat): 1. Y. Yolle; 2. Mrs. J. Crawford; 3. M. Gutierrez. (2nd heat): 1. C. Yolle; 2. Y. Remedios; 3. T. Yvanovich.

220 Yards free-style (Colony championship) (1st heat): 1. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun); 2. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun) 2 mins. 30 secs.; 3. Charles Huang (H.K.U.). (2nd heat): 1. Lai Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); 2. Chin Wai-yeng (Sing Tao) 2 mins. 28.1 secs.

V.R.C. ladies' 25 yds. back-stroke (Handicap) (1st heat): 1. Y. Yolle; 2. T. Noronha; 3. J. Yolle. (2nd heat): 1. C. Yolle; 2. M. Gutierrez; 3. C. Koo.

Ladies' 50 yds. breast-stroke (Colony championship) (1st heat): 1. Tsang Fong-kwan; 2. Li Po-luen (H.K.U.); 3. M. Noronha (V.R.C.) 39.2 secs. (2nd heat): 1. V. Churn (H.K.U.) (disqualified on faulty turn); 2. Ho Wai-man (South China); 3. Chan Chol-pai (C.B.C.) 40 secs.

Men's 150 yds. medley relay (Colony championship) (1st heat): 1. Sing Tao; 2. Eastern A.A.; 3. European Y.M.C.A. 1 min. 30 secs. (2nd heat): 1. V.R.C.; 2. Lai Tsun; 3. H.K.U. 1 min. 29 secs.

FORMER SHANGHAI RESIDENT DEAD

LONDON, Sept. 11 (Reuters) — The death is announced of Major Hilton Johnson, formerly of Shanghai.



NG NIN

HUNDREDS OF AIRCRAFT

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Mr. Churchill replied he had read the correspondence and was astonished that anybody should have taken the mischievous action of making all this sensation, which does nothing but harm to Russia as well as Britain and leads to suspicion between those whose fortunes are linked together.

Col. Moore-Brabazon was, of course, welcome to make a personal statement if he desires, but the Premier had assumed the duty of handling the matter and would prefer to have it left in his hands. (Cheers).

When pressed by the Labourite for a quotation of Col. Moore-Brabazon's actual statement, Mr. Churchill said that although there was much he could say effectively, he forebore from quoting in order not to give disproportionate importance and significance to this matter.

The L.M.S. now have more than 7,000 women workers, of whom nearly half are porters.

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On View from Thursday,
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auze Gap Road.

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& Armchairs, Teakwood Sideboard,
Extension Dining Table & Chairs,
Cocktail Bar, Wine Cabinet, Twin
Beds, Chests of Drawers, Dressing
Tables, Wardrobes, Tables, Desks,
Cabinets, Folding Card Tables, etc.,
etc.

Record Cabinet, Classical & Po-
pular Gramophone Records, Elec-
tric Standard Lamps, Heaters and
Clocks, Thermos Flasks & Con-
tainers, Plastic Sets, Rattan Ware,
Cooking Utensils, etc.

also

Automatic Electric Waffle Irons,
Toasters and Transformers.

and

1 "Philco" Radio 1938 Model 15
Tubes
1 "Philco" Radio 1941 Model 11
Tubes (spread band tuning)
1 Automatic Record Changer
1 Hawaiian Surf Board
1 "G. E." Electric Refrigerator 84
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On View from Wednesday,
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**WANT-ADS
are seen!**

Cost Plus Ten Per Cent. More
Than Prices Originally Quoted

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and for which you said you got
paid by Government? We have
not been paid yet.

You have not claimed the money
from Government? No, because
the work was so satisfactory that
we were instructed to carry on the
work on other sites.

Hasn't your firm been paid for
this 200 foot tunnel? No.

Even though the work was com-
pleted nearly a year ago? Yes,
we have been paid but not accord-
ing to the prices agreed.

Ah, so you did receive payment
though not according to the prices
you contracted for? Yes.

PAID AT COST PLUS

What price did you receive pay-
ment at? Cost plus 10 per cent.

So in spite of the fact that you
made a firm offer to the Govern-
ment to build a 200 foot tunnel
at certain rates and in spite of
the fact that the offer was accept-
ed by Mr. Bishop on behalf of the
Government, you were subse-
quently paid for that work on a
cost plus 10 per cent basis? We
were paid according to the rate of
cost plus 10 per cent.

Did the cost plus 10 per cent
work out at more than the prices
you originally quoted? Yes.

WOULD HAVE BEEN LESS

In other words, had you com-
pleted the work according to your
own quotations, you would have
received less than you did on the
cost plus 10 per cent basis? Yes.

Will you tell the Commission
how it was you came to persuade
the Government to vary the terms
of the contract? If we based the
cost on our quotations for a 200
foot tunnel, it would be cheaper
than the basis of cost plus 10 per
cent, but if the tunnel were long-
er then the basis of cost plus 10
per cent would be cheaper than
the price we quoted.

That is not the answer to my
question. The position was that
you had a binding contract to
perform this work at certain rates.
That contract was not performed
according to those rates but on a
new scale. There is nothing in
writing, as far as I can see, au-
thorising you to change the rates,
and I want to know how did it
come about that you persuaded
Mr. Bishop to change this basis?
We did not persuade him to pay
us in that way.

So he gave you perfectly volun-
tarily? Yes.

ALL OF A SUDDEN

All of a sudden you woke up
one morning to find that Govern-
ment had changed the contract
to cost plus 10 per cent basis, is
that it?—On one occasion Mr.
Bishop sent for me. That was
after the work had started. He
told me that he had worked out
the price for making tunnels ac-
cording to our estimate. If the
tunnel is longer than 200 feet, our
price, comparing with that based
on the cost plus 10 per cent basis,
would be dearer. Therefore he
asked for a change.

I understand what you mean.
What happened after that con-
versation with Mr. Bishop?—He
told me to send a letter referring
to the interview I had with him.

Did he suggest to you that you
should ask Government to pay
you cost plus 10 per cent? Yes,
and he also asked me if I would
accept it. I replied yes.

Although you had already con-
tracted for this work at certain
prices?—That is so.

You knew then that you were
going to make more money than
if you stuck to the price agreed?
—Yes.

And so did Mr. Bishop?—Yes.

Therefore we get this position:
That a binding contract between
you and the Government was
varied verbally by Mr. Bishop, is
that right?—Only in so far as the
200-foot tunnel was concerned.

The contract was varied ver-
bally and subsequently confirmed
after you had written a letter on
November 13?—Yes.

PAID MORE

And that variation was to the
detriment of the Government
since they paid more?—Yes, only
in so far as the 200-foot tunnel
was concerned.

And it was to the benefit of
Kin Lee?—Yes.

You got this new contract from
Mr. Bishop on November 13 tell-
ing you that he agreed to the
terms stated therein, the terms
being to carry out the work at the
rate of 10 per cent, over and
above the cost of material and
labour?—Yes.

Since then you had been per-
forming that work on that basis?
—Yes.

Have you any idea up to date
how many feet of tunnel you have
finished?—About 13,500 feet.

And have you any idea how
many sites there are? Five dif-
ferent sites.

Where are they situated? One
opposite the Alhambra Theatre,
three in Hongkong, and one in
Austin Road.

Are any of the tunnels com-
pleted? Not one.

When did you start work on
these five tunnels? I cannot tell
off hand, but we started work
on the No. 1 tunnel in September.
I don't know the time after time you
start more tunnels? Yes.

THE ONLY AUTHORITY

To make it clear—I am I correct
in saying that your only authority
for building these five tunnels is
your letter to Mr. Bishop on No-
vember 13 and his reply to you
accepting your terms?—Yes.

There is nothing laid down as
to how you should fulfil that
contract and as to who should
supervise your work, is there?
Nothing in writing but verbally he
told me that Mr. Campbell would
supervise.

There is nothing in the exchange
of letters between you and Mr.
Bishop which authorised you to
sub-let this contract, is there?
No.

Have you in fact sub-let any of
that contract?—Yes.

On whose authority did you do
that?—Mr. Campbell's.

When did he give you that au-
thority? I don't remember but
from the beginning we had sub-
let part of this contract.

How many sub-contractors have
you got on the job?—Five.

Are there any sub-sub-con-
tractors?—That I don't know.

Have you got a wife?—Yes.

Is she one of the sub-contractors?
—Yes.

TENDER TO WIFE

What kind of work?—Removal
of earth from the tunnels.

Who gave her that sub-contract?
—Tenders were called for and as
she submitted the cheapest, it was
put before Mr. Campbell who ac-
cepted it.

Did Mr. Campbell know she was
your wife?—No.

You talk of tenders, did you call
for tenders for the cartage of this
earth?—We did.

How did you invite tenders?—We
asked different transportation com-
panies to submit us tenders.

How many did you ask?—Four or
five—the Oriental Transportation
Co., Sam Hing, Chung Lee, Yat
Cheong and Kwong Wing. That is
all I can remember.

You sent letters to all these peo-
ple?—No, I myself informed them
verbally.

Including your wife?—She did
not come into the picture at first.

Did you inform your wife like you
informed the other people verbally
regarding the tenders?—I did.

And what price did she quote
you?—\$4 per lineal foot.

What is the name of your wife's
firm?—The Wan Tung Transporta-
tion Company.

Do you know when it was for-
med?—Some time in February this
year.

NOT CORRECT

Would it be correct to say that
it was formed for the purpose of
transporting muck from the
tunnels?—No.

What other work did it do, do
you know?—No, because she looked
after the business herself.

She never discussed this firm
with you?—Never.

But as far as you know the only
work it performed was transport-
ing muck from your tunnels?—Yes.

Can you tell me what the other
firms tendered for this contract?
—The Yat Cheong tendered \$4.50; as
regards the others I don't remem-
ber.

Was any of them less than \$4.50?
—No.

Do you remember what the
Oriental Transportation Company
quoted?—\$1 per cubic yard.

What difference is there com-
pared with your wife's tender of
\$4?—The Oriental Transportation
Company's quotation worked out at
\$5 or \$6 per lineal foot.

Did you tell your wife of the
other tenders?—No.

Does she live with you?—Yes.

HER OWN MONEY

What is she exactly in this firm?
—She is the sole proprietress, as
far as I know.

It was her money which formed
the firm?—Correct.

Do you know up to now how
much money you had paid that
firm for transporting the muck?
—It is impossible to tell off hand,
because I have to remember so
many figures.

Witness was then told by the
Chairman to produce at the next

sitting a complete statement show-
ing his firm's weekly disbursement
on the job from the time it was
started up to Sept. 10.

Mr. Blake pointed out that he
had documents with him up to
July while Witness said that once
every week some one from the
Government came to his office to
take away the weekly sheet of ex-
penses.

QUITE SURE

The Chairman: Do you have
copies of these?—No.

Are you quite sure about that?
—Yes.

A man from the Government
comes to your office and takes your
vouchers away and you don't keep
any copies of them?—No.

How do you know whether you
get the correct amount from the
Government?—We trust the Gov-
ernment.

Who is this extraordinary gentle-
man that comes and takes away
these documents from you?—Mr.
Buchanan of the P. W. D.

After he has taken these docu-
ments, you never see them again?
—They are all returned.

What happens when you get them
back?—We have still got them, we
put them away in a cement-con-
crete safe.

These are the documents we
want, will you produce them?—Yes.

On this job who supplied the
plant and equipment?—The Kin
Lee.

And have you sold any of your
plant and equipment to the Gov-
ernment?—Yes, items like small
machines for drilling.

You know the total value of your
sales to the Government?—About
\$5,000.

CHARGED 10 PER CENT.

And you charged Government 10
per cent. on that?—Yes.

What is the total value of the
hire of equipment to the Govern-
ment per month?—\$1,300.

On which you got 10 per cent?—
Yes.

What is the capital value of the
plant which you hire to Govern-
ment?—\$45,000.

Have you purchased any timber
for lining these tunnels?—Yes.

Whom did you buy them from?
—At first from Wong Tong Kee,
and later from Shum Mow, Shing
Chow, Lee Yuen Lung, Tai Lee, and
Kin Wah, that is all I can remem-
ber.

Did you purchase any sleepers?
—Yes, 10,000.

Whom did you buy them from?
—From Kin Wah.

Was that for tunnelling work?
—Yes.

Did you charge Government 10
per cent. on that?—Ten per cent
on 5,000 only.

Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

Why didn't you charge 10 per
cent. on the whole 10,000 since they
were for tunnelling work on the
Kowloon side?—I asked Mr. Camp-
bell for it, but he refused. He told
me that when he or the Govern-
ment purchased sleepers from
Marsman's they never charged 10
per cent.

BOUGHT 5,000

But didn't Marsman's ever
purchase timber from Kin Lee?—
They did. They bought 5,000 from
us.

And these 5,000 which Mars-
man's purchased from you had
been bought by you previously for
your own tunnelling work?—Yes.

Do you remember what price you
paid for this timber?—\$5.20 for
each piece.

And you subsequently sold that
to Marsman's for the same price?
—Yes. They took it away very
shortly after we had taken delivery.

And when did Marsman's pay
you?—Shortly after.

And Marsman's charged Govern-
ment 10 per cent. on that?—Yes.

So we have this very happy pos-
ition: Kin Lee provided the cap-
ital to buy 5,000 sleepers and then
sold them to Marsman's to allow
them to get 10 per cent. from the
Government, is that right?—What
could we do, since Mr. Campbell
refused to let us have the 10 per
cent.

But that is the position which
appears, isn't it?—Yes.

Is it usual for Kin Lee to supply
capital for purchases for a rival
firm?—No.

Have they ever done that before?
—No.

Why didn't you protest to the
Director of Public Works about
that?—I did lodge a protest with
Mr. Campbell.

And what did he say?—He said
that when we purchased materials
from Marsman's they never charged
us.

Did you tell Mr. Campbell that
under the terms of the contract

LOCAL ESTATES

The late Mr. Lo Cheung-ly, alias
Lo Fook-ki, retired merchant, who
died on Nov. 23, 1940, at his re-
sidence, No. 6 Moreton Terrace, at
the age of 76 years, had left local
estate valued at \$13,500. A petition
by deceased's natural son, Man
Pan-lo, purser, of No. 180 Nathan
Road, for grant of probate of the
will has been granted.

Local estate sworn under \$1,800
had been left by the late Miss
Maria dos Mercis Gonsalves, other-
wise Mercy Gonsalves, or Sister
Mercy, formerly of St. Joseph Build-
ing, Block A1, Robinson Road, who
died intestate at the age of 76 years
on Dec. 7, 1940. A petition by
Miss Clemencia Maria Gonsalves
for grant of letters of administra-
tion of the estate has been granted.

MACAO SHOOTING
INCIDENT

It was renably learned that on
Wednesday night at about 11
o'clock a Chinese patriot fired
three shots at a pro-Wang's Chi-
nese official, presumably the Chief
Detective of Canton, at Av. Alm.
Ribeiro, Macao.

The gunman, it is said, made
good his escape.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of
notifiable diseases notified as hav-
ing occurred in the Colony during
the 24 hours ended at midnight on
Sept. 10:—

Cholera, two cases; Dysentery, 13
cases; Enteric Fever, four cases;
Tuberculosis, 30 cases.

you were entitled to 10 per cent as
you bought the timber for tunnel-
ling work?—I did point that out
but he refused to let us have it, so
what could we do?

Is that the only article you have
ever sold to Marsman's?—I don't
think anything else, I cannot re-
member.

Did you hire any machinery to
Marsman's?—Yes, one set of air
compressors.

Who made the arrangements for
the hire?—Mr. Campbell.

Did he deal directly with Mars-
man's over this matter?—That I
don't know.

There is no correspondence be-
tween you and Marsman's with re-
gard to this hire, is there?—No.

Hearing was then adjourned to
3.30 p.m.

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Frank German Article On Difficulties Of The Russian Campaign

LONDON, Sept. 11 (RWS).—Although every move of DR. GOEBBELS' propaganda department, in directing Press comment in Germany, is the result of careful planning even if the motive is not immediately discernible, there seems surprising frankness in an article in the well-known Nazi newspaper, VOELKISCHE BEOBACHTER, on the difficulties of the Russian campaign.

It refers to the importance of giving the people on the home front a real understanding of the problems, and says: "Every day brings a new surprise and the people at home must not expect a

quick ending to the Russian campaign.

"No one must compare it with the successes of our soldiers in the West, North or South, since in these campaigns our men fought under European conditions while in the East, everything is so fundamentally different that it seems as if we are fighting on an unknown planet.

The fighting is completely different from all experiences of German soldiers on other war fronts. Red soldiers and their officers never react normally and continue fighting even in hopeless positions. Every moment in battle, unexpected developments must be faced.

BRUTAL DISCIPLINE

"German soldiers have learned through the cruelty of Red soldiers, their brutal discipline and apparently unending quantities of war material why Herr Hitler forced them to fight Russia as otherwise this immense danger would one day have threatened the homes and wives and children of our soldiers within the German borders.

"The bitterness of the battle on the eastern front will finally convince our troops of the necessity for this war to remove the Russian peril. Another difficulty in the eastern war arises from the indescribably bad roads and lines of communications. A high officer of an African corps, who has just arrived at the headquarters of a tank division, stated that the general ground conditions in the Libyan Desert for tanks and infantry are paradise compared with the east front.

"The home front must understand the fury provoked in our troops when the people at home suggest that their advance in the east is slow."

Vichy-German Dead-Lock

Negotiations Over Occupation Charges

LONDON, Sept. 11 (Reuter).—It is learned in well-informed neutral diplomatic circles that a dead-lock has been reached in the negotiations which have been in progress between Vichy and Germany for the reduction of occupation charges.

These are being paid at present at the original figure of 400,000,000 francs daily.

It will be recalled that earlier in the year, Admiral Darlan referred to the "generous" Germans when he announced that the occupation charges had been reduced.

Vichy's inability or unwillingness to furnish gold for the payment of these charges appears to be one of the reasons for the failure of the negotiations.

JAPANESE TROOP TRAIN WRECKED

A Japanese troop train proceeding westward on the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway was literally blown into bits on Aug. 22 when it ran over Chinese land mines at the Kungchian Station west of sarat, important Suiyuan city 25 miles east of Paotow, and was attacked by Chinese troops lying in ambush there.

Using hand grenades, Chinese troops set upon the Japanese caught in the mishap and subjected them to annihilating attacks. The Japanese hastily sent for reinforcements, but before the latter's arrival the Chinese had safely retired after completing their mission.

Japanese troops in northern Hunan are renewing their activities following arrival of large reinforcements totalling over 10,000. One column of about 3,000 men on Sept. 7 pushed toward Mengcheng and Nanchung on the eastern shore of the Poyang Lake, while on the same day another column of some 5,000 men drove south from Taolin and nearby points.

A third column of some 2,000 men launched an attack from Changankiao and Kantien.

Besides engaging the Japanese in frontal attacks, the Chinese have dispatched crack units to the Japanese rear and are attacking them from behind. Severe fighting is in progress in areas east of the Canton Hankow Railway in northern Hunan.

In the triangular area in southern Shansi bordering Shensi and Hunan the Chinese on the night of September 3 launched raids in widespread areas and captured several strategic points including Tayutsun. The Japanese launched a counter-attack in four columns in an attempt to surround the Chinese at Tayutsun, but the attempt was foiled by vigorous Chinese attacks. With the arrival of reinforcements, the Chinese counter-attacked and repulsed the enemy units.—(Central News).

DR. HSU MO

SYDNEY, Sept. 11 (Reuter).—Dr. Hsu Mo, the Chinese Minister to Australia, will present his credentials to Lord Gowrie on September 16 at Canberra, where five houses are already acquired to accommodate the party of 24, including nine children.

The Daily Telegraph, in a leader on Dr. Hsu's arrival and that of

Boosting Indian Materials

SIMLA, Sept. 11 (Reuter).—Indians are sending in a wide range of suggestions and inventions aimed at improving the present equipment of the armed forces and also to increasing the use of Indian materials in the manufacture of war materials.

A special committee formed for the purpose is now investigating their usefulness.

It is stated that the Committee feel that the importance to India of growing use to which Indian materials can be put for the manufacture of store and equipment for the armed forces cannot be too strongly emphasised.

Further suggestions and inventions by Indians are invited.

FATAL ATLANTIC PLANE CRASHES

Errors Of Judgment Cause Of Mishaps

LONDON, Sept. 11 (Reuter).—Errors of judgment were mentioned by the Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair in the House of Commons in giving results of investigations into two fatal crashes of Atlantic aircraft in which 44 lives were lost.

Sir Archibald said that the first accident is attributed to an error in navigation which caused the aircraft to strike a mountain under conditions of bad visibility which were not, however, such as to have justified cancellation of the flight.

The mountain is many miles from the track which the aircraft should have followed. From the evidence available, it is impossible to explain how the error occurred. The navigation instruments had been fully and satisfactorily tested and the aircraft was properly inspected before the flight.

SECOND ACCIDENT

The inspectors' finding in the case of the second accident is that it was due to the bad judgment of the captain, firstly in taking off along a wrong runway, presumably through oversight, secondly in allowing the aircraft to swing to port, with the result that it left the runway and took to the grass; thirdly, in not shutting off the engines immediately this occurred.

In neither case was there evidence of negligence on the part of the authorities, of sabotage or of mechanical defects.

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (Reuter).—The House and Senate conferees considering the \$3,584,000,000 tax bill agreed upon a number of technical differences in connexion with a difference in the versions of legislation approved by the two Chambers. House leaders began their efforts to have all members back on the job by September 16 to expedite final Congressional action on the bill.

LAHORE, Sept. 11 (Reuter).—The Begum of Shah Nawaz has announced her decision not to resign from the Viceroy's National Defence Council in obedience to the demands of the Muslim League. She points out that she is not associated with the Council as a member of the Muslim League but in her capacity as a representative of the women of India.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (Reuter).—The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at a Press conference said he had no advice of any impending agreement or announcement concerning the Japanese-American talks which had been under way several months. Mr. Hull added there was nothing new in the Japanese-American situation.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Jesse Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Federal Loan Administrator, announced that the Defence Plant Corporation is financing the additional production of 30,000,000 lbs of aluminium and 12,000,000 lbs of magnesium at a cost of \$72,000,000. This will bring the total aluminium capacity to 1,130,000,000 lbs.

Stoke Newington Council are to arrange a street test with four gas. The day is being kept secret.

HOUSES MADE FROM AIRCRAFT CASES

(SUNDAY TRIBUNE STAFF REPOSTER)

Imagine building a house solely out of packing cases, not a dolls' house, but a commodious structure. The Army authorities have constructed one, an out-house, solely out of these in pursuance of the wartime economy drive in Singapore.

The idea may seem fantastic but it has been done and what would otherwise have cost the Government almost four times the sum to erect a building has been brought into being by the simple means of putting into use material which would at one time have been discarded.

This Army out-house is one facet of Malaya's wartime economy drive and the idea of utilising what would normally be considered waste material would have been unthinkable in peacetime.

While the authorities would have found no use for the wood, the material, however, would have found ready purchasers among the scrap and metal vendors and the itinerant bottle wallahs.

NAILS EXTRACTED

These purchasers would have sorted and graded the material and eventually sold it to domestic householders for use in the home and to innumerable business concerns to be used again for the packing of goods.

These packing cases originally contained aeroplanes, machinery, ammunition, etc. Once broken up they are removed to Singapore's saw mills where the nails and screws are extracted and the boards cut into convenient sizes.

The wood from these cases is being put into a variety of uses today. Rabbit hatches, fowl pens, children's prams and push carts are but some of the strange re-surrections of the discarded packing cases.

HEALTH EXPERT APPOINTED

The Executive Yuan has relieved Mr. Yao Keh-fang of his post as Senior Expert of the National Health Administration and appointed Mr. Hsu Shih-chin as his successor.

The draft of the provisional regulations governing wartime sugar monopoly and the draft of the revised regulations governing the collection of business tax, submitted by the Ministry of Finance, were approved.

Measures for the improvement of the livelihood of teachers and the granting of food subsidies to students in various government schools submitted by the Ministry of Education, were revised and adopted.

Complying with a petition of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the draft of the revised regulations governing the encouragement of industrial and mining enterprises in wartime was also adopted.—(Central News).

FIRST REPAYMENT OF LIBERTY BONDS PRINCIPAL

The drawing for the first repayment of principal of the Liberty Bonds, which was to be made on Aug. 31, 1941, was held by the Ministry of Finance on Aug. 9, in accordance with the governing regulations.

Four numbers were drawn, viz: 312, 474, 691, and 935. All bonds bearing numbers which have their three terminal figures corresponding to any of these numbers will be drawn bonds of the present drawing.

Principal repayment and payment of Coupon No. 4 due on August 31, 1941, will be effected at any offices of the Central Bank of China, and their designated agents, the Bank of China, Bank of Communications and Farmers Bank of China, as from August 31, 1941. Payment for the portion of bonds sold at Shanghai will temporarily be made at Hongkong. As to bonds sold abroad, the original remitting banks will collect such payments on behalf of the overseas holders from the Bank of China and Bank of Communications at Hongkong.

It is to be noted that all drawn bonds of this drawing and Coupons No. 4 must be presented for payment within a period of three years from August 31, 1941, failing which they shall become null and void.—(Central News).

The War Office are looking for 150 girls to train as A.T.S. cinematograph projectionists. The girls will tour the country showing films to Service men and women at military camps.

SIXTEEN—HE SAW THE WORLD

By Overseas Daily Mail Reporter
A deserter at 16. That is the remarkable position of Private Tommy Taylor, Glasgow-born Irishman, who faced a court-martial at Witley, Surrey, after a year's travel round the world.

In December 1939 Tommy—he is now just turned 17—went to Canada to join up because he could not get in the British Army or Navy. He worked his passage to Canada, and, overstating his age, joined the Halifax Rifles. He became a batman.

Four months later he bought a suit of "civvies," boarded a ship, and worked his passage back to Scotland.

He tried again to join up in Britain, but could not produce a birth certificate, so he decided to return to Canada and take his punishment.

Then began a series of adventures which he told to the court.

WRONG SHIPS

"I went to Liverpool and signed on a ship, hoping it was going to Canada. Every ship I got on refused to take me where it was going. This one took me to Portugal and Gibraltar, and on the return journey docked at Port Talbot, South Wales.

"I went back to Glasgow and signed on the Warwick Castle, hoping it was going to Canada, but it went to South Africa.

"I left the crew at Capetown and signed on a Norwegian ship, which went to Persia, and eventually landed me back in Glasgow.

"Unable to get back to Canada, I went to London and gave myself up."

After listening to Taylor's story, the court adjourned for nearly two hours to consider the sentence, which will be promulgated.

The Beaufort pilot who torpedoed and crippled the escorted German pocket battleship off the coast of Norway is now revealed as Flight Sgt. Raymond Herbert Lovell, No. 42 Squadron. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal in the latest list of R.A.F. decorations.

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FAINTS—BUT BRINGS PLANE HOME

A sergeant pilot, badly wounded in the neck, brought his bomber home safely from one of the recent offensives over Northern France, with his observer pressing his thumb to a vein to stop the flow of blood.

The pilot fainted for a moment and collided with one of his own formation, but he recovered to right the plane. When attempting to land later, he went into a spin, corrected the spin with his strength fast failing, and made a safe landing.

He is now in hospital, and is expected to recover. Here is the story.

During an attack on Merville aerodrome the captain of a Blenheim bomber, a sergeant-pilot, was severely wounded in the neck by a bullet from an attacking Messerschmitt. An important vein was severed.

When the observer saw blood on the pilot's clothing he moved across to help. Pressing his thumb to the vein the observer stopped the flow of blood, and the pilot was able to keep the aircraft on an even keel.

Another Messerschmitt attacked. The bomber's rear gunner got in a burst and the enemy, with one wing torn off, went to pieces in the air.

ANOTHER DOWN

The Blenheim was then flying in formation with other bombers on the homeward journey. They were attacked by nine more Messerschmitts.

When the formation arrived over Britain the wounded pilot, feeling he was unable to carry on, told his crew to bale out.

They persuaded him to let them stay while he attempted a landing. The bomber went into a spin, but the pilot retained sufficient strength to correct it, and he landed safely.

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BRITISH BANKS TO CO-OPERATE WITH STABILISATION BOARD

British authorities have instructed the British banks operating in the Far East including Shanghai to give all possible aid and co-operation to the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board, it is learned in authoritative circles in London.

The decision of the Hongkong conference between the officials of the Board and the British and American banks regarding exchange control is most warmly welcomed here. The decision is regarded as an important move which not only has significant implications but also will bring desirable results favourable to China.

LEASE-LEND MATERIALS

BRITISH ASSURANCE TO U.S. GOVT.

LONDON, Sept. 11 (Reuters).—The British Government have given the American Government an undertaking regarding the use and distribution of Lease-Lend materials. Details will be published shortly.

Questions bearing on the matter were put in the House of Commons today. One member asked to what extent it was the Government's policy to reduce exports from Britain to states other than the United States in order to obtain maximum temporary advantage from the Lease-Lend Bill.

Another member asked for assurances that goods obtained under the Lease-Lend Act or goods of a similar nature produced in Britain are not sold in foreign markets in competition with American merchants.

When a Government spokesman stated that an announcement on the subject is pending, the Labour member, Mr. George Strauss, interposed to ask whether the Government were aware that considerable damage is being done by allegations inspired by Nazi sources that Britain is using the Lease-Lend Act in the way suggested above.

EXPORT TRADE

The Labour member Mr. Stokes, asserted that several trade associations had already circulated their members urging them to refrain from the export trade on account of the delay in announcing an agreement between Britain and the United States, and asked whether it was the Government's intention to abandon export trade.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, Captain Charles Waterhouse, replied that it was certainly not the intention to abandon export trade.

S'hai Faced With Unending Trials And Tribulation

SHANGHAI, Sept. 11 (Reuters).—"Unending trials, difficulties and tribulation" are seen confronting Shanghai by the FINANCE AND COMMERCE—leading British financial weekly—following discontinuance of the open market for foreign exchange.

Pointing out that Shanghai's import surplus during the first seven months of the year totalled £13,500,000 and in July exceeded £3,000,000, the Finance and Commerce states, "It cannot be denied that the stopping of certain classes of imports must strike a serious and perhaps fatal blow at a large number of small firms and industries upon which hundreds and probably thousands of people now depend for their livelihood.

"Prices will rise not because of the depreciation of the currency but because those with goods to sell will exploit them to the full." With a view to rectifying this situation Finance and Commerce urges rationing and strict price control.

The only bright feature the weekly sees is the possibility of an expansion of Shanghai's export trade and a resultant improvement in the exchange position.

CURRENT REPORTS

In this connexion the weekly says that reports are current that there is a possibility the Japanese will import silk and other goods from Japan and will sell them to foreign exporters here.

"This would unquestionably boost exports (leaving out the question of shipping) and would provide foreign export firms with more trade and authorised banks with larger amounts of exchange."

The weekly states that this sound view is in fact but it foresees several difficulties.

The effect of the disappearance of the open exchange market on gold has speculation has been almost overwhelming, it stated. The turnover is now "insignificant." Idle and frustrated gold speculators have turned during the

Firstly, it implies a further proof of Anglo-American determination of putting their financial weight behind China's cause, aside from moral, political and material support.

Secondly, it reflects the close and whole-hearted co-operation existing between the Board and the Anglo-American banks which control the great bulk of Shanghai's trade, thereby assuring effective execution of the new arrangement.

Thirdly, it will further restrict pernicious speculation and tighten exchange control in the Shanghai market where despite the freezing orders, speculation was uncurbed. The new arrangement will close the last loophole in the Sterling area.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

While control of the rate of the Chinese Yuan is essential, if the Board is to function effectively, confidence is, however, expressed that the Board will supply the necessary amount of foreign exchange for permitted and approved imports so that it would not affect Shanghai trade.

Contrarily, the new measures will considerably clear up the chaos brought about in Shanghai by the freezing orders and drastically curtail the operations of the black market there, while the Chinese Government will be enabled to exercise water-tight control of exchange in China by a system satisfactory to both Chinese and foreign interests.

Finally, authorized Chinese, British, American and Dutch banks in exchange for undertaking not to deal in the open market are guaranteed with supply of foreign exchange for approved imports—(Central).

CHARTERED BANK DIVIDEND

The following is the text of a telegram received by the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China from their Head Office in London.

"Directors have declared an interim dividend for the past half year at the rate of 10 per cent per annum subject to income tax dividend payable on October 1."

THREATENED RAIL STRIKE DELAYED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (Reuters).—The threatened rail stoppage has been delayed as President Roosevelt has ordered the creation of a board of five members to investigate railway wage differences.

This in effect delays the stoppage as in accordance with the Railway Labour Act the strike must be delayed at least 30 days after the report of the investigators has been handed to the President.

Anhui Development Company

General Li Ping-hsien, Chairman of the Anhwei Provincial Government, has ordered the establishment of an Anhwei Development Company to be capitalised at \$10,000,000. The Company will seek to develop natural resources, and extend aid to private enterprises—(Central News).

National half-cream dried milk is to be available to national milk scheme permit-holders with children under one year old, the Ministry of Food announce. The milk powder is intended for infants who have digestive trouble when fed on full-cream dried milk, but mothers are asked to get medical advice.

Finance and Commerce

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

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In London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
In Shanghai:—	
On demand	480
In Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
In Japan:—	
On demand	102 1/4
In India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	82 5/8
On demand	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 15/16	
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 5/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	46 3/4
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
In Saigon:—	
On demand	106
In Manila:—	
On demand	49 7/8
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	148
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Sept. 11.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for Ready and 23 7/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London-New York cross rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 up to October, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS
Selling rate to Merchants 25-1/16

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Sellers at 512.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Official rates. Sellers of Sterling at 3 5/32 and U.S. Dollars at 5 5/16.

AFTERNOON MARKET

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 up to October, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS
Selling rate to Merchants 25-1/16.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Sellers at 513, buyers at 514.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Official rates. Sellers of Sterling at 3 5/32 and U.S. Dollars at 5 5/16.

Shanghai Exchange
Shanghai, Sept. 11 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates	
	Opening
London	0/8-5/32
New York	5-5/16
Japan	unquoted
India	17-1/2
Paris	unquoted
Hongkong	21

Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 24-1/2 per cent.

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, Sept. 10 (Reuters).
Govt. 3 1/2 per cent. Rupee, 96-0-0.

SILVER MARKET
LONDON SILVER
London, Sept. 10 (Reuters).
Silver—Market quietly steady. Production selling satisfied small trade demand.

Spot, 23-1/2d.
Forward, 23-7/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Sept. 10 (Reuters).
Market—Steady. Offtake 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver
Ready

63-0-0
Sept. 17 Settlement

63-0-0
Oct. 14 Settlement

63-1-0
LONDON GOLD
London, Sept. 10 (Reuters).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 108/-

H.K. Stock Exchange

Thursday, Sept. 11.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks	\$1460
Canton Ins.	\$232 50
Union Ins.	\$433
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$185
Wharves	\$94 50
Docks	\$18 10
Providents	\$7 25
Hotels	\$3 90
Lands	\$37
Humphreys	\$7 55
Trams	\$17 65
Lights (O.)	\$6 65
Lights (N.)	\$1 80
Electric (O.)	X Rts X.D.
Electric (N.)	\$22 50
Electric Rts.	\$11 55
Telephones (O.)	\$24
Telephones (N.)	\$9
Cements	\$16
Dairy Farms	\$19 40
Watsons	\$12 50

SALES

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	101
Docks	\$18
Providents	\$7 10/30
Hotels	\$3 80/95
Lands	\$37/37 25
Lights (O.)	\$6 62 1/2
Electric Rts.	\$11 50/75
Ropes	\$10
Dairy Farms	\$19 50
Watsons	\$12 60

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted
on Thursday, Sept. 11, 1941.

SALES

China Lights (O.)	1,000	\$ 6 62 1/2
China Lights (N.)	1,000	6 65
China Providents	500	6 70
China Docks	500	6 85
H.K. Electric Rts.	500	6 85
H.K. Tramways	500	11 75
H.K. Hotels	1,000	12 00
A.S. Watsons	800	12 60
H.K. Telephones (O.)	200	24 50
H.K. Lands	100	37 50
Ropes	2,600	10 10
	1,500	10 10

The total value is \$181,776.00.

SUGAR PRICES

New York, Sept. 10 (Reuters).

NEW YORK SUGAR
Raw Sugar Centrifugal, shipment from Cuba, c & f. New York, duty free:—

Spot	3.50 N
Raw Sugar Futures	
(Contract No. 3)	
Sept.	2.75b/80a
Jan.	2.75b/80a
March	2.75b/80a
May	2.82b/83a
July	2.84b/86a
Sales for the day:—22 lots.	

Raw Sugar Futures
(Contract No. 4)
Dec. 2.00b/09 1/2a
March 2.50b/05 1/2a
May 2.05b/05 1/2a
July 2.05b/06 1/2a
Volume of business done:—368 lots

WINNIPEG WHEAT
per bushel

Oct.	73 3/8
Dec.	75 1/2
May	79 1/2

CHICAGO WHEAT
per bushel

Sept.	118 1/2
Dec.	122 1/2
May	126 1/2

Highest (Dec.) 123 1/2
Lowest () 121
Tuesday's sales:—25,298,000 bushels.

B-bid A-asked N-nominal

NEW YORK COTTON
Opening Closing

Oct.	17.70/77	17.58/58
Dec.	17.92/91	17.75/79
Jan.	17.94/94	17.95/97
Mar.	18.14/10	17.92/93
May	18.23/20	18.03/08
July	18.23/20	18.00 N
Spot	18.20	
Highest (Dec.)	18.08	
Lowest ()	17.75	
T/T on London	4.03-1/4	
Silver, Official Rate	34-3/4	
London Silver, Spot	23-1/2d.	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Sept. 10.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red. after 1952)	106 1/2
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	47
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925/47	45
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	30 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	38
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	57
Honan Rly. 5% 1905	14
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5%, 1913	13
Shai-N'king Rly. 5%	17
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	12 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	12 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12 1/2
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	27 1/2-29
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	6 1/2
Chartered Bank	9-5/16
H.K. & Shai Banking Corp. (Ldn. Reg.)	77
H.K. & Shai Banking Corp. (Col. Reg.)	84
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	13/6
Chosen Corporation	4/-
Mercantile Bank of India, £5, "C"	11 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	1/-
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	15/-
Shai Waterworks "A"	15
Union Insurance	22
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	15 1/2
Great Western Rly.	4 1/2
National Bank of India	32
B-A Tob. (bearer)	92 1/2
Dunlop Rubber	36/-
Bristol Aeroplane	10/9
Imperial Chemical Ind.	31/10 1/4
United Steel	23/7 1/2
Woolworths	57/3
Marsman Investments	6/3
Western Holdings	19/-
Sub-Nigel	143/9
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	53/9
* bid	1 ex. div.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Sept. 10 (Reuters).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, buyers £257, sellers £257-1/4

Tin, Standard, 3 Months, Middle Price, buyers £258-3/4, sellers £260.

Market quiet. Yesterday's activity was not maintained with sellers more willing. Smelters sold forward down to their unofficial limit of £260. After hours: Market again easier with dealers concessioning, business confined to 25 tons at £256-3/4 and £259-3/4.

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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Today's Sales	Last Sale Reported	THURSDAY 11 SEPT.	Buyer	Seller	Close	Volume
Banks								
\$1460	\$1460	H.K. Banks	...	...	...	\$1460
...	284	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	284
...	277	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	277
...	5/18	Chartered Bank	...	...	...	5/18
...	232 1/2	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	232 1/2
...	211 1/2	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	...	211 1/2
...	576	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	576
...	N. C. & S. Banks	18 ct.	...	...	...
Insurance								
...	230	Canton Insurance	...	...	...	230
...	433	Union Insurance	...	...	...	433
...	81	Underwriters	75 cts.	...	...	...
...	187 1/2	H.K. Fire	187 1/2
Shipping								
...	120	Douglas	120
...	10	Steamships	10
...	90	Indo-China (Prof.)	90

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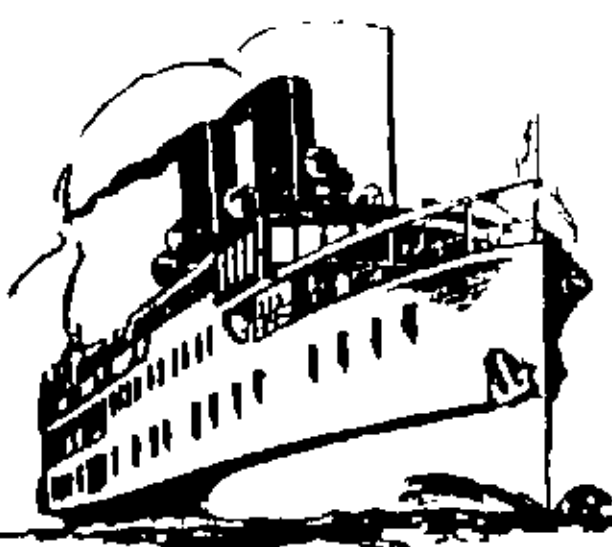
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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th Sept., 1941, at 9 a.m., by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by W. R. LOXLEY & Co. (CHINA) Ltd. Agents, Hong Kong, 6th Sept., 1941.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

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Consignees are specially notified that it is necessary for a Revenue Officer to be present at the examination of damaged dutiable cargo.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 1st Oct., 1941, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

W. R. LOXLEY & Co. (CHINA) Ltd. Agents, Hong Kong, 10th Sept., 1941.

Big Charity Soccer Games Sept. 20, 21

Permission for the staging by the three Chinese clubs of two charity soccer matches at Caroline Hill was granted by the Council of the Hongkong Football Association at its monthly meeting held yesterday evening under the chairmanship of Mr. Wong Ka-tsun.

The matches are between the combined EASTERN-SING TAO touring soccer team and COMBINED SERVICES, and the SOUTH CHINA touring XI against last year's successful eleven that represented the H.K.F.A. in the Governor's Cup. The first game will be on Saturday, Sept. 20, and the second the following day.

The matches are being organised by the Hongkong Chinese Athletes' War Relief Corps and of the total proceeds 25 per cent. will be donated to the Bomber Fund and the rest to other charities.

BONDS RECEIVED
A letter received from the Association's treasurers, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, informed them that bonds from England had arrived and were expected to be issued this month.

In this connection, it will be recalled that it was the decision of the Association to invest \$5,000 in bonds.

A letter was received from Mr. W. E. Hollands who thanked the Council for their expression of appreciation of his efforts for soccer in the Colony and also expressed thanks for their fine gesture in forwarding him a Council member's pass.

A letter was received from Eastern A. A. informing the Council that their players touring Australia had returned adding that, if required, a statement of accounts would be rendered as soon as the papers arrived from Australia.

A request from the Hongkong Football Referees' Association that their annual match against the Press be played as a curtain-raiser to the Poppy Day charity game was agreed to by the Council.

KICK-OFF TIMES
Proposals were put forward by Mr. J. Skinner that, in view of Summer Time, the time for kick-off should be made later, especially in the hotter months.

After discussion the following times were agreed upon—

SEPTEMBER, Senior Division
5.45 p.m., Junior 4 p.m.;
OCTOBER, Senior 5 p.m., Junior 3.30 p.m.; DEC. and JAN. Senior 4.45, Junior 3.15.

THE TEAMS WERE:
R. E.—Moxham, Chang Ying-kuen, Chan Kam-pui, Shaw, Lee Wai-lun, Polham and Fox.

KOON KWAN—Yui Yiu-tak, Mak So, Soong Ling-sing, Ip Pak-wa, Chu Kam-shing, Ho Yau-ki, and Tam Chun-fai.

SOUTH CHINA—Tam Kwan-kon, Chow Man-chi, Yau Wa-hing, Tse Kam-hung, Chin Chi-fai, Lee Shek-yau and Lee Tien-ky.

CHIN TSUN—Kiu Wing-fook, S. Y. Yen, Ng Ki-cheung, Teddy Ip, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hyul and Tso Chau-tung.

TODAY'S MATCH
At the Navy ground, at 5.45 p.m. today, Ah Q will meet Koon Kwan. Ah Q will be represented by P. C. Woo, K. P. King, K. S. Yang, G. Wong, B. Y. Hsu, P. C. Chai, T. P. Woo, H. H. Yu, K. S. Hul, L. L. Chai and C. T. Kwao.

Koon Kwan will field the same team that defeated R. E.

LAWN BOWLS SELECTIONS
The following are some Club selections for tomorrow's Lawn Bowls League matches—

SECOND DIVISION
KOWLOON TONG: H. A. Castro, A. Madar, J. Smith, A. J. Kew (s); N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong, J. L. Stephens (s); H. Gittins, M. S. Phoon, A. E. Castro, A. Spary (s).

KOWLOON F.C.: B. D. Evans, A. Dand, V. Atienza, W. V. Fields (s); W. C. Simpson, A. E. Eastman, E. Kern, V. Chittenden (s); A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley, W. Hyde, P. Youngusband (s).

THIRD DIVISION
KOWLOON F.C.: R. Lau, C. H. Fuller, R. Lapsley, C. Dowman (s); G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. MacIntyre, R. M. Ogden (s); G. Frost, Y. Abbas, W. Naef, T. Ferguson (s). Reserve: A. Thomson.

H.K.E.R.C.: W. Stonehouse, A. G. Everett, A. F. Paul, J. F. Lunny (s); R. F. Gregory, G. W. K. Crawford, W. E. Macfarlane, A. G. Gardner (s); E. L. Groome, J. R. Way, W. Stoker, R. C. Butler (s).

OMARS WIN.
A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar, winners in 1937 and runners-up last year, had a comfortable victory over H. R. Pinga and B. Busto by 21 shots to 15 in the quarter-final of the Open Pairs lawn bowls championship on the Police R. C. green yesterday.

THE LAST EIGHT
BROOKLYN, Sept. 11 (Reuter)—The last eight in the American women's golf championship are Mrs. Tongerson, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Goldthwaite, Helen Gilgel, Sylvia Lechner, Clara Callender, Mrs. Hicks and Janet Younker.

Miss Younker, conqueror of the holder, beat Maureen Orcutt, in the third round by 7 and 6.

The big surprise was the elimination of Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare, who lost 5 and 4 to Clara Callender.

SMALL FIRE
A small fire broke out last night at No. 57B, First Street. Damage was negligible.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

TALLYMAN CHARGED

Liu Ki-tong, a tallyman, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday on a charge of being in possession of a quantity of copper piping on Sept. 10 without an export licence from the Controller of Trade.

Defendant was allowed bail in the sum of \$300.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, who represented defendant, asked that the case be adjourned till Friday, Sept. 12.

Inspector Mair is in charge of the prosecution.

DEMANDING WITH MENACES
Tsang Ki-hong, 25, unemployed, was brought before Mr. Lowry charged with demanding with menaces \$106 from a Chinese merchant at the Hotel Cecil on Sept. 9 and with intimidating the same merchant at the same place on Sept. 10.

Hearing of the case has been adjourned till Sept. 16 defendant being allowed bail of \$1,000.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ has been retained for the defence.

Sgt. White is in charge of the prosecution.

SORDID CASE
Hung Hing-ying, 21, woman, of No. 88 Jaffee Road, Wanchai, was charged before Mr. Sheldon yesterday for knowingly suffering a girl under the age of 15 years to be carnally known by any man.

Defendant pleaded she did not know the girl's age.

The girl said that she was an orphan having lost her parents when six years of age.

Hearing was adjourned for 24 hours.

AT KOWLOON

MEMBER OF TRIAD SOCIETY
Mak Ting, 38, appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara charged with being a member of a triad society and with being a returned banished.

It was stated that a raid was carried out by the Police on Tuesday, on premises situated at 561 Canton Road and the accused was arrested. He admitted being the accountant of the society.

Accused was sentenced to six months' hard labour on each count, the sentences to run consecutively.

SPITTING OFFENCE
Wan Yiu, 44, appeared before Mr. Macnamara charged with spitting in a food factory situated in No. 19 Shanghai Street.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on the accused.

BROTHEL KEEPER FINED
Lau Wah, 45, widow, appeared before Mr. Macnamara charged with keeping a brothel at No. 57 Woosung Street.

A fine of \$200 was imposed. Sub-Inspector C. Barsting prosecuted.

BROUGHT LETTERS INTO H.K.
Li O-kee, 37, of Shanghai, appeared before Major A. N. Macfadyen charged with breach of Defence Regulations by conveying three letters into Hongkong.

Sgt. Steward, prosecuting, stated that he stopped a sampan in the harbour. Accused was one of the passengers and after being searched the three letters were found.

A fine of \$10 or 14 days' hard labour was imposed on the accused.

UNLICENSED RADIO APPARATUS
Chan Kang, 24, unemployed, appeared before Major Macfadyen charged with possession of a radio communication apparatus without the necessary licence.

Accused was found with the apparatus on Wednesday in Nathan Road and was arrested.

Accused was remanded for 48 hours at the request of Police.

UNLAWFUL BOARDING
Leung Muk-kam, 31, Ho Chu, 23, boatmen, and Chan Took, 30, Leong Sau, 38, and Mou Tong, 32, shop foks, appeared before Major Macfadyen charged with unlawfully boarding a British ship on No. 5 wharf at Kowloon Godowns on Sept. 10.

Accused were found on board the ship without a pass. They said that they were contracting junks for loading.

Accused were fined \$10 or three weeks' hard labour.

STOLE SAMPAN
Lau Kam-chui, 30, appeared before Major Macfadyen charged

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER, 1941.

Parcel Post Service to Japan is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended—

Yunnan
Szechuen
Kweichow
Hunan
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)
Kwangsi
North and East of Kwangtung

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th September.	13th Sept.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 18th September.	25th Sept.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
FRIDAY	
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	Fri 12th Sept. K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
SATURDAY	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Sat 15th Sept. K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
MONDAY	
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	Mon 15th Sept. K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
THURSDAY	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Thu 25th Sept. K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM

C.B.A. May Field Cricket XI

Mention that CENTRAL BRITISH ASSOCIATION may field a cricket XI this year was made by Mr. W. Mulcahy at the annual general meeting of the Association held yesterday evening.

The Rev. G. E. S. Updell was in the Chair, supported by Messrs. T. S. D. Whitley, C. Semmelmann, G. Gurevitch and Miss N. Witchell.

A proposal that the annual subscription be raised was defeated.

Toward improving the Club's finances, a motion was accepted that the question of issuing five per cent. Mortgage Debentures be considered.

NEW OFFICERS
President, the Rev. G. E. S. Updell; Vice-President, J. J. King; Hon. Secretary, D. T. Smith; Asst. Hon. Sec., Miss N. Witchell; Hon. Treas., T. L. Lockhart; Committee, Mrs. I. Joyce, Mrs. G. Davies, C. Semmelmann, G. Arnold, T. S. D. Whitley, G. Gurevitch, M. Mulcahy and C. McEwen.

D. O. SOUTH

WILD TREE WOOD

As the result of a watch kept by guards of the Botanical and Forestry Department on the hillside above Castle Peak Road, eight persons appeared before Mr. S. F. Bal-four yesterday charged with possession of wild tree wood, totalling about 400 catties in all.

Man Ping, was bound over, Pun Lin fined \$2, or two days' hard labour, Yip Ho, widow, was cautioned, as were Mak Sze, widow, Kong Sheung, widow, and Hung Sheung.

Mak Shing, who had 70 catties, was fined \$2 or two days' hard labour. For returning from banishment, he was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

MARINE COURT

ANCHORED IN MINEFIELD

A fine of \$30 was imposed by Omdr. T. C. Siff on Lam Yau Lei, master of trading junk No. T353H, charged with having anchored his craft on Sept. 10 in Tathong Chan nel Minefield, a prohibited area.

CAUSED OBSTRUCTION

Wong Kan, 54, mistress of cargo boat No. 3531V, was fined \$15 when she pleaded guilty to having caused an obstruction by mooring her cargo boat within 60 feet of the Wilmer Street wharf.

PARCEL POST TO TURKEY

LONDON, Sept. 11 (BWS)—The Postmaster-General announces that the parcel post service to Turkey, which was recently suspended, has now been restored and postage rates have been reduced.

The Ministry of Food have granted an extra bran ration to rabbit-keepers who farm themselves into clubs. At least half of the rabbit meat produced must be given up.

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